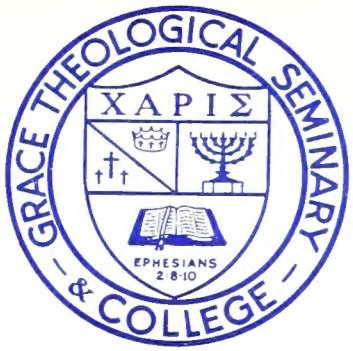
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BATTLE FOR MEN'S MINDS



Students Demonstrate in Chicago

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Looking Ahead

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Looking Back

There is a way of looking back that has the blessing of the Lord. In so doing we count our many blessings, and name them one by one. Since there have been so many of them, we should live thankfully all the time. But, the year's end is a very appropriate time to look back, and to receive a blessing in so doing. Then there is a way of looking back that is sadly wrong. This is when we look to the "leeks and garlic" of past years, yearning for them. Jesus said of this: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). We are so tempted to do this, to revel in the good old days, forgetting that God's best is yet ahead.

Looking Ahead

Looking into the future we see the glorious privilege of serving Jesus Christ; we anticipate the multitudes who will hear the Gospel and accept Christ; we rejoice with those who will be taught God's Word; we wait with anticipation the further fellowship with the people of God.

The coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ seems to be just ahead. Certainly we are in the end days, some of us believe in the very edge days, before all His own will be loosed away upward.

Will There Be a New Year's Day?

Foolish, you say, to question the probability? I am writing this on December 13. The world is in such crisis; the Word is being preached with such urgency; Jesus' promise of His return is so sure. I am conscious of the fact that we may not have a January 1, 1966, with born-again believers here in the world. If we do not have, my dear Christian friend, whose will our possessions be?

But, if you are reading this, it is evidence that the Lord has not yet come for His own. And, if we do have a New Year's beginning, what assurance have we that we will have a year's end? He is coming! He may come soon! When He comes, whose will be all the possessions of born-again believers? If we had a certain knowledge that Jesus would return during 1966, would there not be a rush to get into the Lord's hands all of the overabundance that believers now possess? If we would do that if we knew He would come during 1966, should we not give careful consideration to our stewardship in light of the teaching of His soon coming?

Our Brethren churches and our National Fellowship agencies need many millions of dollars if the work that seems so necessary is to be done. Brethren Foreign Missions needs almost a million dollars of such funds during 1966. For my own information, I have just made a notation of the foreign-mission needs which are present and urgent. I was amazed that the total is $960,000. And, there are many, many items I have not included. Of course, we will not "close shop" if we receive considerably less than that amount, but the work will be done much better, many more souls will be saved, and the multitudes will be better taught if we do receive it.

Let's look ahead in faith to the God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think. ▼



COVER PHOTO

Demonstrations — such as this one in Chicago—represent one tactic being used today in the universal battle for men's minds. For a new look at an unpublicized battle, see "The Forgotten Battle" on the opposite page. (Cover by Phil Landrum)

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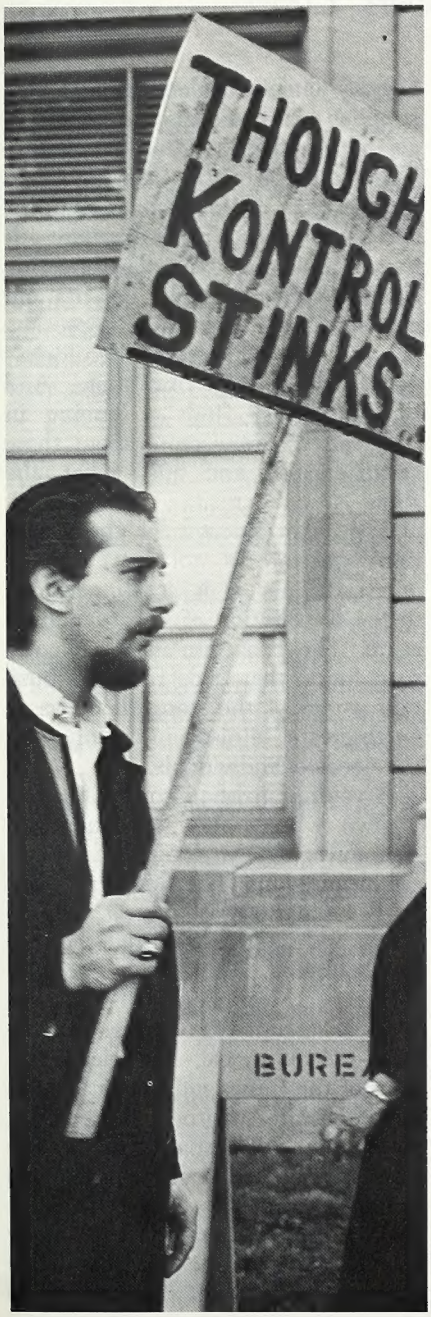
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The Forgotten Battle

Demonstrator in Chicago protest rally makes his point as do many in the battle for men's minds. (Phil Landrum Photo)



By Rev. Clyde Landrum

A battle is raging around the world. In Viet Nam, it is expressed in open warfare. In the Congo, political leaders openly clash. In China, Russia, Cuba . . . governmental leaders hope to keep the people following the Communist line.

In the final analysis, everywhere the battle is for the minds of men. Even in Viet Nam political strategists maintain that the United States realizes it can never win the war without the approval of the Vietnamese people. Although the Communists physically control their people, they too must eventually win the hearts and minds of the people.

All of these are well-publicized struggles. An even greater, more important, overlooked battle is being waged on many fronts around the world. It is the struggle to win men to Christ, and to bring them to an appreciation of His Word. The basic principle of this struggle is the Scripture statement, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." God is interested in having people know that He loved them enough to send His Son to save them from sin. This more important battle is for the purpose of winning men and women around the world to intellectual and heart acceptance of these truths, and to bring to fulfillment the words of Christ in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church. . . ." This struggle is, in a sense, a spiritual revolution, seeking to bring the Word of God into the hearts of the people of the world, thereby defeating Satan and overthrowing his forces.

The marching orders of the church in this great struggle are: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." More than one hundred Brethren missionaries today man their spiritual battle stations in France, Central African Republic, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina, Hawaii, and Mexico. They have the ammunition—the Word of God, which is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." These missionaries are committed. There is no turning back.

But, is the whole weight of this battle—this spiritual revolution—this struggle for the hearts and minds of men, to be carried by the missionaries alone? Their dedication, like that of the members of the Early Church, is unto death. Martyrdom—ordinarily thought of as a thing of the distant past—is today a contemporary reality. They don't really mind. They honestly consider themselves expendable. Their possessions are not their own; they belong to God. Their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit of God, who indwells them, and are, therefore, to be used to glorify Him.

Are we to do less? Surely not! This battle must not stop with the missionaries. It must be our battle. Their dedication must be our dedication. Our possessions, our time, our bodies must be fully God's. We must be willing to go where He wants us to go. We must be willing to say and to do what He wants us to say and do. We must be expendable. We must "give of our sons, to bear the message glorious. . . ." We must "give of our wealth, to speed them on their way. . . ." We must "pour out our souls for them in prayer victorious. . . ." There must be 100 per cent dedication to get this job done, to win this great battle. Yes, this struggle must involve all of us with all that we are and have. ▼

"IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR BIBLES?"

By Rev. Robert Cover



Missionary Cover and Juan Colle, now manager of the store, look over some recently received materials.



The Spanish-speaking world is blessed with a growing abundance of religious literature, but care must be taken to cull out modernistic and neo-orthodox trends to keep the witness of the bookstore clear and meaningful.

"My grandmother sent me to buy a Bible. How much are they?"

"Is it true you sell the Bible for only 100 pesos? Is there something wrong with it? We have to pay four times that elsewhere."

"What can I give my unsaved relatives as a gift which will not be offensive but will carry the gospel message?"

"Our church voted to set up a permanent book table in the church. Could you help us?"

"I am desperately in need of help and have heard you evangelicals help people. Is that true?"

"Which books would you advise to help me get started in a system of personal Bible study?"

These are typical of the questions we hear at the Brethren Christian bookstore in Rio Cuarto, Argentina. From these questions you can get an idea of the ministry this bookstore has.

The decision was made in November of 1963 to begin the first Brethren bookstore in Argentina. By the leading of the Lord and through the support and interest of Brethren in the States, the bookstore was opened on August 10, 1964.

Response at first was slow. The believers did not recognize the personal value of Christian literature, and the man on the street did not trust the evangelical bookstore.

But the story is somewhat different now. Pastors come to the store to buy private study helps and devotional materials. Church leaders find the store a convenient place to buy the Sunday-school booklets, Bible school supplies, and to discuss materials available to help build up the church. The average Christian has discovered that Bibles, Christian books, mottoes, and gospel records make excellent gift items, and that Christian greeting cards are also available. Parents and children have learned to appreciate the good, wholesome children's books which they find there. And the unbeliever finds a longing in his heart to know more about those "evangelicals" and just what the Bible is.

The main purpose of the Christian bookstore is not just to "buy and sell," nor is it at all confined to the distribution of Christian literature. The bookstore in Rio Cuarto soon found that aside from the business aspect of the store, there was a much greater ministry in dealing with the needs of individuals.

A young Christian couple lived in a town where there was no gospel testimony. They wanted help in establishing one. The Brethren pastor in Rio Cuarto was a great help to them, and later he referred them to the bookstore. There they came in contact with excellent self-study devotional materials, quantities of carefully-selected tracts, low-priced portions of the Bible, and practical helps on establishing a witness in the home. These young Christians grew in the Lord, and before long the pastor was holding regular house-meetings in their home. Various ones of their families accepted the Lord. Available material at the right time helped to



An interested ex-Army colonel listens as Juan Colle explains the Gospel. This man bought a Bible and said he would come back to find out more.



Mr. Cover (left) waits on Argentine pastor Alberto Sotola (center) as Bible Institute student Gabriel Agostini (right) looks on.

make this possible.

A youth in high school who was having spiritual problems found the bookstore a place where he could find a sympathetic ear for his confidences. Ordinarily this young man would have given up in his spiritual life. But since the bookstore was open as he passed it on his way home from school, he could use the pretext of looking for a book. Finding an understanding friend in the young Argentine pastor who was tending the store, he unloaded his problems and found help during this difficult time.

A young Jewish boy came into the store to look for some books to complete a reading assignment for school. The young lady clerk, a graduate of the Bible Institute, engaged him in conversation and was soon explaining the Gospel to him. Before he left he had made a profession of Christ as Saviour.

An Italian businessman came in to buy a Bible. The clerk noticed he did not seem satisfied and so, because of the man's Italian accent, he showed him an Italian Bible. The man grasped the book and exclaimed, "I'll take it! This book speaks to my heart."

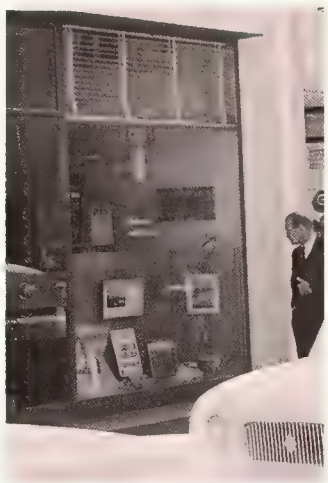
A pastor contacted the store saying his congregation had voted to have a permanent Christian book table in their church. They were given a variety of books and mottoes to get them started with this venture.

Two young men who wanted to do house-to-house visitation asked if the bookstore could help them. The results were that these young men became colporteurs representing the bookstore, and began a systematic house-to-house evangelistic campaign —and on the side earned money which helped them attend the Brethren young people's camp that summer.

Because of the abundance of religious literature in the Spanish language, great care must be taken to choose only material whose message is clear and solidly evangelical. The testimony of the bookstore must remain strong and meaningful.

It should be made clear that the bookstore is only a part of the literature ministry of the Brethren Church of Argentina. Intensified efforts must be made for the public sale and distribution of Christian literature. Training Christian writers should be part of our long-range planning. The Brethren Church is now at a place where we need a publishing staff to develop our own denominational interests. Juan Colle, who is managing the Rio Cuarto bookstore, also edits *El Heraldo,* the Argentina Brethren Church magazine, a bimonthly 16-page edition. Plans are being made for mass literature distribution and possibly for a small truck with literature and sound equipment. Of course, the bookstore is generally the center of all these endeavors.

The ministry of literature is as big as our vision. Pray with us that our vision may never be small. ▼



A passerby stops to look at the window display of the Brethren bookstore in Rio Cuarto. Effort is made to make the window display an attractive and effective "sidewalk testimony."



In connection with managing the bookstore, Juan Colle also serves as managing editor and artist of the Argentine Brethren Church's magazine, *El Heraldo.*



Transportation. . . .



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For a harvest field.

The Other Side of the Mountain

BY REV. JACK CHURCHILL

Do you remember that song about the bear who went over the mountain? It doesn't say how he got there. The thing that matters is that he had a motive for going. He wanted to see the "other side of the mountain." And he did.

How often we have a "mountain" (translate: opportunity, challenge, responsibility) in front of us. We know there is another side. Something pulls at us to go. We make a few motions in that direction. But the schedules aren't right. Reservations aren't available when we want them. Reduced fares aren't in effect yet. While we delay we hear some stories about the "other side" that make us wonder if we really are supposed to go. And so we are still on "this side."

This is what was happening on the Cordoba side of the Comechingones Mountains. (Go ahead. You can pronounce it. It just *looks* hard). We never got around to going to the other side of them until recently. It *looked* impossible because we were not even doing what we should on this side. Most of the way over there was by dirt road. When it rained we could be marooned for days. Once we started something we'd have to keep it up.

But the Comechingones Mountains stayed right there, week after week. We began to see in them more than just a display of natural beauty. There were messages, especially at sundown. In the red glare of the horizon the peaks stood out like hands beckoning from a lake of fire. Sunsets are beautiful. But these came to be disturbing because of those "hands" waving from the other side.

Finally, we could ignore it no more. An exploratory trip was made. Out of that one came numerous other visits lasting from two days to a week at a time. Each trip has yielded results. There are those whose future is no longer the lake of fire.

The accompanying pictures were taken on one of the trips made earlier this year to the other side of the Comechingones. There is urgent need for a vehicle equipped for itinerant open-air evangelism in our Brethren work in Argentina. There is personnel in our churches interested in such a ministry.

The song about the bear may not be sung much any more, and it isn't important that it be preserved. What does matter is that we Christians continually face the challenge of the "other side" where Christ is not known. If we wait for ideal conditions, we will never go.

This evening go out and look at your "mountains" against the sunset. Have they heard over there on the "other side"? ▼

TYRANT

AT THE VERY SAME TIME CHRIST WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS
MY OLD SELF WAS NAILED WITH HIM THERE.
A TYRANT IS SELF—ARCHENEMY STRONG;
MY LIFE HE WOULD HOLD IN HIS SNARE.

AND WHEN I PERMIT, HE COMES DOWN FROM THE CROSS
TO DEFEAT ME AND GIVE ME NO REST,
TO DRAW ME FROM CHRIST AND HIS PLAN FOR ME,
TO TAKE FROM ME ALL THAT IS BEST.

BUT IS SELF QUITE THAT BAD; CAN HE BE SUCH A FOE?
YES, THE PICTURE IS TRULY THAT BLACK;
SO EVIL IS HE THAT WHEN CHRIST TOOK MY PLACE,
THE FATHER ON HIM TURNED HIS BACK.

WHEN CHRIST TOOK MY PLACE, HE WAS LED OUT THE GATE
TO THE SPOT OF UTTER DISGRACE;
FOR OUTSIDE THE CAMP WERE THE VILE AND THE CURSED,
AND 'TWAS SELF THAT DESERVED SUCH A PLACE.

OH, LORD OF ALL TRUTH, LET ME NEVER FORGET
THAT TO TRUST THIS OLD SELF IS UNWISE,
AND THAT ANY APPEARANCE OF GOOD HE MIGHT GIVE
IS JUST A DECEITFUL GUISE.

I THANK THEE, O LORD, FOR SELF'S DEATH ON THE CROSS
AND THE VICT'RY THY LIFE OFFERS ME.
GIVE ME MOMENT BY MOMENT THIS VICT'RY OF THINE,
THAT SELF MIGHT STAY NAILED TO THE TREE.

—Bertha Abel,
Rio Cuarto, Argentina

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



(Phil Landrum photo)

NEW STORYTELLER FOR THE MHC

Starting this month, MH'ers can expect lots of new and exciting stories coming from AUNT ALYS (Haag). In the picture, Aunt Alys tells about two coins. Be sure to attend all of your MHC meetings in order to hear all of these stories. You won't want to miss a single one!

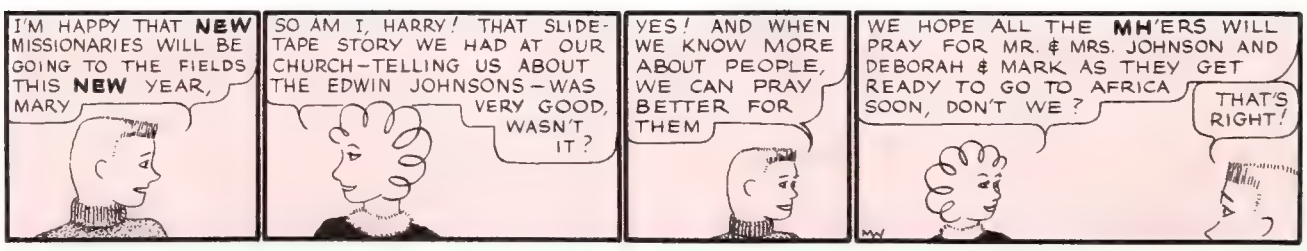
MISSIONARY HELPERS

Nancy and Barbara McClellan are the twin daughters of Rev. and Mrs. James McClellan. Their daddy is superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission in New Mexico. These eight-year-olds are not only Missionary Helpers but they are also real missionaries themselves, because they live there at the mission with their parents. They love the Lord Jesus and want their Navajo friends there also to know about Him.



(McClellan photo)

MARY MISSIONARY



By Mrs. Walter Haag

COMMUNION IN OLD MEXICO

Tamales, chili sauce and spiritual blessing



At communion in the Aleman church building returning for the meal.



The deacons' table with Francisco Davalos, the head deacon, praying.

(Haag Photos)

Go with me to communion service in Tijuana. It is held in the oldest church, as it is the largest and best organized. The main room is filled with long tables flanked by the pew-benches. There are white cloths (thank you, WMC ladies) folded up from the sides to cover the plates and center service. The center service is cream, sugar, and chili sauce. The side room and Bible Institute classroom have been set up with tubs of water for feet-washing.

No one is present at the hour announced except the pastor—who lives there—a few older believers, and the American missionaries. But, after a while the people all arrive; those who come earlier enjoy visiting till the others come. Soon the open fire in the patio, which has been heating water, is put out. The buckets of hot water are placed beside the tubs; the tamales are sufficiently steamed; and a final check is made on the fire under the coffee. Everyone settles about the tables for a real time of feasting around the Word. The order and significance of the service is explained at length for two reasons. One is that our believers thrill at this new-found joy of the triple communion. It means much to them. The other reason is that observers are always present. (Being in Mexico has helped me to understand why there were people standing around watching when Jesus was dining. It's just the custom.)

Then the women and men go to separate rooms for feet-washing. There are so many of us and we are too crowded to participate in an efficient way—so we just sing and sing and sing hymns and choruses till everyone has taken part.

Back at the tables again, the men are seated and singing and the women scurrying about a bit getting the hot food served, and before too long we are enjoying the meal together. At this time we talk only about the feast to come in heaven, and everyone expresses his inward joy at the thought of it.

Following this is testimony time. Anyone who has anything to share in the way of a spiritual experience is encouraged to do so. Everyone has—and there is much time spent sharing experiences of joy, blessing, and growth in the Lord. All are happy even though the hour is growing late. (There may be a few exceptions—the little girls who are caring for all the infants in the nursery. But most of the little ones have gone to sleep long ago.)

Then we have the Bread and Cup, sing a hymn, and dismiss. Many help to clean up so they can be together a little longer, and everyone goes home content.

Do you wonder that Jardin and Guerrero missions might not want to have a separate service? Do you understand why the Aleman group always invites all the other missions to join with them for communion? Isn't it going to be truly wonderful when we are all together in heaven?



Art work by Cathy Biddinger

"In This New Year-*You Can Too*"

As the teen-age girl stood before the crowd and started quoting the 15th chapter of John, I listened intently. Would she make it through the entire chapter? As I listened I forgot about whether she would remember all of it; my heart was touched and I was troubled.

The thought kept going through my mind, "Could I do it? Could I memorize a whole chapter?"

Many were the times I had encouraged my SMM girls to memorize whole books of the Bible. "You can do it," I would tell them; "you are young yet and can remember it easily."

But the Lord was speaking to my heart. Even a month and a half after I heard the girl I still battled the idea. "I know lots of Scripture," I argued. "Why should I memorize a whole book? Anyway, I learn the SMM monthly memory verse."

"What about your testimony and example to your SMM girls?" came back the inner voice.

"But you know it isn't easy to memorize after a person reaches 40 years of age," I reasoned. As much as we like to think ourselves young, we can make ourselves 100 when it comes to memorizing Scripture.

Then one day a telephone call from another patroness helped me make the decision. She just "happened" to mention that one of her Junior girls was having a little memorizing contest with the patroness.

"This is it," I prayed. "If you'll help me, Lord, I'll try."

That evening I sat down with my Bible in hand and determination in my mind. What portion should I memorize? Since I was patroness for both the Middler and Senior SMM's, I thought I'd better check on both. The suggested book for Seniors to memorize was I Timothy. Hmmm, six chapters. I'd better check on the suggested book for Middlers. It was Philippians, only four chapters. "That's for me, at least only four chapters for the Middlers to memorize," I decided.

Then the inner voice came again: "What about the Senior girls; aren't you interested in them? You could be a real example to them."



By Mrs. Ralph Hall
National SMM Patroness

"Yes, but I'm not used to memorizing whole books," I argued. "Philippians has only four chapters."

Then before my mind came again the teen-ager standing before the crowd quoting. I knew she was a Senior in high school this year. Then I thought of the six lovely high schoolers in my own Senior SMM group.

"And you're the national SMM patroness; what about your example to all the SMM's?" The inner voice again speaking.

"All right," I conceded to the Lord. "It's I Timothy, but You'll have to help me. This isn't going to be easy and the girls will have to be lenient. Surely they will understand that I'm lots older than they when I make mistakes when quoting it six chapters at a time."

All the above transpired three chapters and six weeks ago. Of course, it's a morning, noon, and night steady diet of memorizing—all during the day, anytime, anywhere I happen to have a few minutes. Waiting at a stop light, I have time to go over a few verses already learned. What do I do in the few minutes waiting for my husband to come home for lunch? My Bible is open on the counter top.

How I praise the Lord for His faithfulness! He has made memorizing a whole book such a blessing to me. After the first three chapters I'm now anxious to finish the book. The "old" memory is there if we just put it to work!

Can you guess what is the greatest blessing of all? The book being used in our WMC Bible studies this year is I Timothy. Praise His name! ▼

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'65-'66 WMC BIRTHDAY MISSIONARY—
MRS. MAXWELL BRENNEMAN . . .

A "P.K." Called to "P.R."

"I have learned never to say 'I won't' to the Lord. For I have ended up doing just the things I said I wouldn't — teaching school, marrying a photographer, and a man with a mustache." This statement introduces us to Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman of Puerto Rico, a 1965-66 WMC "birthday missionary," who has found, as have many others, that *His* way is the *best* way.

Mrs. Brenneman has been known to many Brethren people all of her life. She is a "P.K." whose father, Rev. Leo Polman, was an active pastor at the time of her birth and whose parents have continued prominent in Brethren activities through the years. And Mrs. Brenneman herself has been active in denominational endeavors since she was very young.

The physical birth of Elaine Christine, the eldest of the Polmans' three children, took place in Los Angeles, California. Her "second birth" came just five years later. As a child she thinks she was a "typical P.K."; also, she enjoyed playing football more than dolls! She thanks the Lord for her Christian parents. Furthermore, she is grateful that they invited many Christian workers and missionaries into their home, and from an early age Elaine came to know, love, and pray for the Brethren missionaries and preachers.

As a "P.K." she had the privilege of moving around a bit. However, just two states were the scenes of Elaine's formal education: grade school, California and Indiana; high school, Indiana (Fort Wayne); Biola, California; and Grace Seminary—Indiana again.

Elaine's experiences in Christian work have been varied. With her parents she participated in evangelistic tours; they were known as "The Polman Trio." She spent some time serving at home-mission points—Clayhole, Kentucky, and Taos, New Mexico. She was employed in Biola's book room in Los Angeles. Her last position as "Miss Polman" was in schoolteaching at San Gabriel Valley Academy, a Christian day school in California.

Then, she says, "Finally 'Miss Elaine' married a professional photographer who later turned into a Brethren pastor—Maxwell Howard Brenneman." The Lord blessed their home with two daughters. Nancy is now eleven and Ruth is ten.

After the Brennemans had been in the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Fillmore, California, for five years, the proposed new Brethren mission field in Puerto Rico attracted their attention. The Lord led them to apply to the Foreign Missionary Board to go to Puerto Rico as self-supporting missionaries. They were accepted, and in March, 1959, they left for San Juan to become the first missionaries serving there under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. It was only because the missionaries would support themselves that the foreign board felt it possible to enter another field, and for six and one-half years the Brennemans continued in this capacity. During that time they experienced constant challenges, some of the chief ones being the matter of earning a living, adjusting to a tropical climate, learning the Spanish language, and establishing a gospel testimony. Now, since they have been covered with full support by the Foreign Missionary Society as of this past September, the pressure is greatly relieved in that one area.

Reflecting on the influences in her early life, Elaine remembers that it was in SMM that she really learned about and also had the privilege of teaching many others about Brethren missions. Her SMM activities were not limited to being a local member; she also served in several national offices: treasurer, president, and general secretary.



Elaine Brenneman shows off a banana tree in the back yard of her Puerto Rican home. (Photo by C. K. Landrum)

Then, too, she had many experiences in camp activities, although she says she was never privileged to be "just a camper." Rather, she worked in the office, or the kitchen, or was a counselor or teacher. "But it was worth it all," she states, adding that one of the joys has been to see young people from district and national camps going into service for the Lord.

Mrs. Brenneman cannot remember when she gave "her all" to Christ. "But I told the Lord I was willing to go anywhere, and if He gave me a choice, it would be Africa. The Lord had other plans and sent me to Puerto Rico. Here He has sent many African exchange students into our home. What a joy to know that the Lord sent me to *His* choice of service and that He sent *my* choice to me here on this little island."

Also: "All the pastorates my father had were home-mission churches, and I am sure that the training I received at home and in those churches during many struggling times has been a real help to me to trust the Lord here in Puerto Rico as my parents did when I was growing up."

Though her days are full to overflowing with a great diversity of activity which would overwhelm many others, Mrs. Brenneman knows the satisfaction of serving the Lord in *His* place for her. ▼

—Marcia Wardell

A Ministry Through Affliction-- Beyond Our Fondest Expectations . . .

BY THE WIFE OF A PARALYTIC

Mrs. Arthur Gordon



At right: The Gordon Family

Some people find it hard to believe that my husband cannot do one thing for himself. For instance, shortly after he was brought home from the hospital I was talking with a grocer when the conversation got around to my husband's condition. I said that he was completely paralyzed, and she seemed to understand, but when I told her I had to get him out of bed, she was surprised and exclaimed, "You mean to say he can't even walk by himself?"

My husband has not walked, or done any of the other things most people take for granted, since polio struck our community and our family in the summer of 1955. Two of our children were admitted to the hospital on September 15, and my husband on the 21st. Bulbar, lower and upper spinal poliomyelitis was the grim diagnosis. I began to learn something of what it means to be the wife and mother of victims of paralysis.

The children recovered quickly and almost completely, being left with only minor weakness in certain muscles. My husband spent 13 months in the hospital and a rehabilitation center, after which I brought him home and we started a new phase of our life.

The Lord led us into a writing ministry. My husband does the writing—the construction of the material and the actual typing of it with a stick which he holds in his mouth—and I do the many other jobs which need to be done in this type of ministry.

My day starts not much differently, I suppose, than that of many other wives—around the breakfast table with our three children. After breakfast we have our devotions. Then off to catch the bus for school. Jack is 16 and in the 11th grade, Jim is 13 and in the ninth, and Joyce is 12 and in the seventh. Their interests vary and are as changeable as the wind. When they walk in the door after school, we wonder what is coming next. Very seldom are we disappointed; they usually have thought up something else to make Mom's hair gray and Dad's scarce. One friend told my husband that although he could do nothing else, at least he could sit and watch his children grow up. Somehow we have discovered that it takes a little bit more than just sitting and watching. "My grace is sufficient," said our Lord.

The children off to school, it is time to get Arthur out of bed. Unlike other wives who have to yell till they are blue in the face to get their husbands up and started for the day, I simply turn off his rocking bed. He wakes up in a hurry. Breakfast in bed. Then a bath. Clothes on. And then from the bed to the wheel chair by means of a hydraulic patient lift. His chair is motorized and he operates it with his chin, so he can get about the house without my help during the day.

This gives me time to do the hundred and one things all homemakers know about all too well—washing, ironing, cleaning, and so forth. The unique jobs of the wife of a paralytic include feeding hubby his meals, exercising his legs and arms, scratching his itches, combing his hair, brushing his teeth, and other bathroom necessities. During the month there are proofs to be read, printing to be seen to, papers to be folded, stapled, addressed, tied, and bagged. There is the filing of new names, changing addresses, taking out old ones. The volume of correspondence must be faithfully maintained. Those of you who are in the ministry with a pastor-husband or missionary-husband know what I am

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Other Districts Feature WMC Rallies

NORTHWEST DISTRICT. R-r-i-n-g . . . "Hello Operator . . . Hello—Hello—Yes, Operator, this is Party Line Northwest District WMC; would you get me Seattle, Washington, please. What's that? That number has been disconnected! Oh, dear, now what do I do? I did so want to hear how the Seattle WMC was getting along and to know just what they had been doing since our last district rally! You say they are now two councils, Kent and Bothell? My, my, now isn't that nice. Would you give me Kent then first please, Operator? . . . Hello, Kent. Yes, this is Northwest District WMC and we were wondering just what you all had been doing the past six months since our last WMC rally. . . ." And so the fall Northwest District WMC Rally opened at Yakima, Washington, on the morning of October 23, 1965, with representatives of each council answering the telephone on Party Line Northwest District WMC.

Following our "Party Line," Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, our newest missionary candidate, was introduced to the ladies. She was surprised by "This Is Your Life," presented by the ladies of the Kent council.

Upon registration, each lady was given an African map containing the month of her birthday. She was to write her name on it; then during the morning she was to introduce herself to someone she did not know and write the name of that person on the back. Later during the day she was again to speak to the person whose name she had written on the back—an excellent way to become better acquainted with those not already known.

These little "Africa's" were used also to divide the women into prayer groups, grouping according to birthdays—January, February, March—April, May, June, and so forth.

The ladies of Yakima served a delicious lunch, making it extremely hard to gather together again for a business session in the early part of the afternoon.

We were rewarded for our efforts, however, and following the business meeting were greatly blessed by a special speaker, Mrs. John Gunningham of the Congo. She related events in her life and that of her family in the months preceding their forced exit from the Congo. Her departing words were that they were expecting to leave in November for the Congo once more. They will not be returning to the same place where they were previously, as this particular section is still in enemy hands, but at least they will be back in the general area in the field to which God has called them.

Our fall project goal of $125 for Dave Goodman's college expenses at Grace College was exceeded with a total of $225.89, for which we praise the Lord.

We feel our fall rally was well attended and that each lady was greatly blessed from having attended.

Mrs. Don H. Bunch

IOWA DISTRICT. As rain splashed on the multicolored leaves, WMC ladies of the Iowa District journeyed to Cedar Rapids for our fall rally on October 21, 1965. Even though the rain drops were falling outside, the warmth of Christian fellowship made everyone cheery and happy on the inside.

A clever and inspirational skit was given to share with us the highlights of national conference at Long Beach, California. Mrs. Loretta Schrock, Mrs. Opal Schrock, Mrs. Lillian Hoover, Mrs. Joan Aeby, Mrs. Blanch Long, and Mrs. Lola Rousselow shared with us their experiences. They presented a radio broadcast from Station WMC, sponsored by Pen Pointers, Inc. A demonstration was given on what clothes to send the Navajos, the Spanish-American people, and the Kentucky mission. Excellent ideas were given for each local WMC.

Miss Marian Thurston, missionary from Africa, gave us a spiritual challenge. She told us about the SMM (Sisters of the Light) in Africa and their program. Then she shared with us several of her experiences as a missionary nurse. Truly, the missionary needs our prayers and financial support as he serves the Lord.

Since Miss Thurston is from the Garwin, Iowa, Brethren church, our fall project is a vacuum extractor for one of her dispensaries in Africa. The vacuum extractor is a machine used in delivering babies.

The attendance award went to our home-mission church, Davenport, with four of their five members present. This was thrilling and a good example for each of our councils.

As the WMC ladies traveled the long road home with rain drops splattering on the windshields, each one felt the great responsibility of living closer to the Lord in these troubled days and looking for the soon return of our Lord.

Mrs. Richard Sellers
District WMC Secretary

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. In the midst of many rainy autumn days the Lord permitted us to have a clear and beautiful day to travel to Findlay for our fall WMC rally in Northern Ohio.

The entire rally was flavored with the seasoning of national conference, and our year's theme verse was prominently displayed, as were pen pointer posters with interchangeable titles. After the singing of several hymns our prayer chairman, Mrs. Mary Coleman, asked for sentence

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National WMC Christian Education Offering

December--January--February

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Africa—

Mr. Albert W. Balzer March 1
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Christopher Alan Ball March 3, 1952
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Ann Waridel March 12, 1963
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. C. B. Sheldon March 21
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Nicole Steudler March 26, 1955
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Norman Alan Hoyt March 7, 1963
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

France—

Mrs. Thomas T. Julien March 27
Chateau de St. Albain par Fleurville (S. et L.), France

Hawaii—

Rev. Edmund M. Leech March 12
98-404 Ponohale Street, Waimalu, Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii 96701

Rev. Foster R. Tresise March 20
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786

Mexico—

Lorraine Marcella Edmiston March 4, 1957
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Ruth Elaine Dowdy March 26, 1959
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

Puerto Rico—

Joel Eric Dickson March 14, 1961
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919

Mrs. Maxwell H. Brenneman March 28
P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922

In the United States—

Kenneth Paul Churchill March 5, 1947
2433 Eckleson Street, Lakewood, California 90712

Janet Sue Zielasko March 8, 1961
320 Carbon Street, Minersville, Pennsylvania 17954

Beckie Maurita Fogle March 17, 1948
101 Fourth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

James Melvin Zielasko March 17, 1955
320 Carbon Street, Minersville, Pennsylvania 17954

Barbara Jean Miller March 18, 1951
c/o Jesse Bailey, 1461 N. Hart Road, Modesto, California 95351

Mrs. Hill Maconaghy March 21
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Paul Marvin Goodman March 25; 1951
c/o Rev. John Mayes, 719 Franklin Avenue, Sunnyside, Washington 98944

Miss Evelyn Schumacher March 27
4718 West Indiana Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana 46517

A Ministry . . .

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talking about.

Often it is difficult and frustrating trying to keep all the loose ends together. But I have found it is not impossible. "With God all things are possible." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Lord has led continually and faithfully from the day my husband and I first met at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, through college and seminary at Grace, from which my husband graduated in 1954, until this present moment. He has given us a ministry through affliction far beyond our fondest expectations. Through our monthly devotional paper, *Triumph*, we go into five thousand homes throughout this country and in many foreign countries proclaiming the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. From letters we receive it is very evident the Lord is blessing others through this effort.

In one of his editorials, my husband dedicated the column to me and "all the 'unsung heroes' of the sick-room." The opinions he expressed were strictly his own, and I feel he is a bit prejudiced; but to give you his view and possibly a better view of this type of living, I here quote part of what he said.

"Their task is tremendous yet always faithfully performed. Often their work is done without any encouragement or even any appreciation. Visitors commend the one who is ill for his faith in suffering, they are quick to offer him encouragement, but what of the one standing by his side? Far too often I have not appreciated as I should the helpmate God has given me. When 'blue' days come along—as they always do—our faithful sick-room partner usually bears the brunt of our irritability.

"My wife has not only voiced but also demonstrated the vows at our wedding, '. . . in sickness and in health . . . till death us do part.' The Bible says of her, 'Her price is far above rubies.'

"Of course, the load is not the same in every case, but you may be sure it is heavy in every case. My wife must continue in her role as homemaker, caring for the house and the three children. Besides this she has to take on the added duties of nurse, chauffeur, mechanic, file clerk, stenographer, proof reader, psychologist, mimeograph operator, and a multitude of other things. She also finds time to teach a Sunday-school class. A less sturdy soul would have quit long ago. She has become my hands and feet. She bathes, dresses, shaves me. Her meal usually gets cold while she feeds me. I could go on, but I think you realize by now something of the job my wife and many others in like circumstances are doing."

I told you he was prejudiced. But it is nice to know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated.

To the non-Christian our situation might seem hopeless, but our hope is in "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast." ▼

(WMC editor's note: Rev. Arthur Gordon, a pastor, received his AA from Grace College, '50, and his B.Th., '54, from Grace Theological Seminary. To receive the monthly devotional paper, *Triumph*, which is directed as a spiritual ministry to shut-ins and the physically afflicted, send name and address to: *Triumph*, Inc., R. D. 1, Box 153, Oxford, Pennsylvania 19363.)

Other Districts . . .

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prayers of praise from the ladies. She then led in devotions around the theme of vessels for the Master's use, reminding us that we are not only containers of God himself, but also branches, vitally connected to the loving Lord. Prayer groups concluded the morning sessions.

At noon a bountiful covered dish dinner was enjoyed around tables tastefully decorated in the autumn theme.

A lovely organ prelude was played by Mrs. Pauline Errett, after which "Dear Lord, I'll Be a Witness" was sung by two members of the Gospel Messengers Quartet.

District President, Mrs. Jayne Cole, introduced Mrs. Ward Tressler of Fremont to the ladies of this district. Also given special recognition were Mrs. Don Sellers, of the Brethren Construction Crew, and a group of ladies from the new Brethren work at Bowling Green.

A new attendance incentive was introduced in the form of a plaque for the council with the highest percentage of membership present and was presented to Mrs. Gladys McConkie, president of the Ankenytown (Sr.) council. To gain permanent possession of the plaque a council must win at three out of four rallies during the year.

Mrs. Helen Smith led in the "sign on" of TV station WMC, and the TV program received high ratings, we are sure, as a panel of five ladies presented information from national conference valuable to each WMC lady this year. As the TV cameras continued to grind, news analyist Mrs. Turnfulheimer (Mrs. June Turner), using a roving mike, competently interviewed several ladies, covering many of the highlights of national conference and of missions.

The prayerful singing of "Channels Only" brought to a close a very wonderful and blessed rally.

Mrs. John Armstrong

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8)

Day by Day

I heard a voice at evening softly say,
Bear not thy yesterday into tomorrow;
Nor load this week with last week's load of sorrow.
Lift all thy burdens as they come, nor try
To weigh the present with the by-and-by.
One step and then another, take thy way—
Live day by day.

Though autumn leaves are withering round thy way,
Walk in the sunshine, it is all for thee.
Push straight ahead, as long as thou canst see.
Dread not the winter whither thou mayest go,
But when it comes, be thankful for the snow.
Onward and upward—look and smile and pray—
Live day by day.

—Selected

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Searching the Scriptures



1965 SMM Girl of the Year

Here are the testimonies of 1965 Girl of the Year, Ann Fodor, from San Diego, California; and the runners-up, Donna Hawbaker, of Dallas Center, Iowa, and Paula Leistner, Rockford, Ohio.

You will be hearing more from the queen and her court in the next few months as they give opinions and suggestions on typical girls' problems.

Who will be 1966 Girl of the Year?



"But my God shall supply all your need. . . ."

The Lord gave me the privilege of hearing the plan of salvation and accepting Jesus Christ at an early age. It is a blessing to experience daily God's faithfulness concerning His promises.

The Lord has provided for all His children's needs by giving us an advocate with our omnipotent heavenly Father and promising that we will receive whatever we ask for in His name. We can gain faith through the Word, ask for wisdom, and receive from the Holy Spirit every quality needed in our daily contact with the world.

Opportunities seemingly minor to us can be used of the Lord to accomplish His purpose. Sisterhood has been an avenue of spiritual development in my life. The Mary goals emphasize devotion, feeding on the Word; the Martha goals encourage missions, faithful loving service everywhere in Jesus' name.

The Lord does give His children honors and privileges. However, each of these is accompanied by challenge and responsibility. Because I have spiritual life through Christ and am experiencing His constant love, it is my responsibility to share His love around the world. —Ann Fodor



The Lord Jesus Christ means all the world to me. In the last few months He has become very real to me, being a friend to whom I can turn in all my troubles and joys. I praise God over and over for His great love. I simply can't understand why God loved me enough to die for me, but praise Him that He did!

One of my favorite passages is Philippians 4:6-7: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

How I love that word "peace"! Everywhere I see people searching for peace and not finding it, but praise God that He has filled my heart with it.

I thank God for SMM. By the various goals it has started me on my own daily quiet time, on memorizing God's Word, and on reading all the Bible. It has led me to many new friends at such places as national conference. Not only has it taught me spiritual values, but it has also taught me to let the Lord shine forth in every area of my life. Praise God for such an organization!

—Donna Hawbaker



SMM has helped me very much in my Christian life, especially during my teen-age years. First of all, it has brought me closer to God. One of the goals is to have a daily quiet time. If you do this, you naturally learn more about God and how much He has done for us. SMM has helped me a lot because of the fellowship that I can have with other Christian girls. When I have a problem at school, I know that I can go to Sisterhood and discuss this problem, and no one will laugh at me, for they are having the same problems.

Through SMM I have learned the names of our missionaries, so now I can pray for them more intelligently.

SMM has been a great challenge to me in my Christian life, and I sincerely hope that every girl takes advantage of this wonderful group.

—Paula Leistner

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DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY

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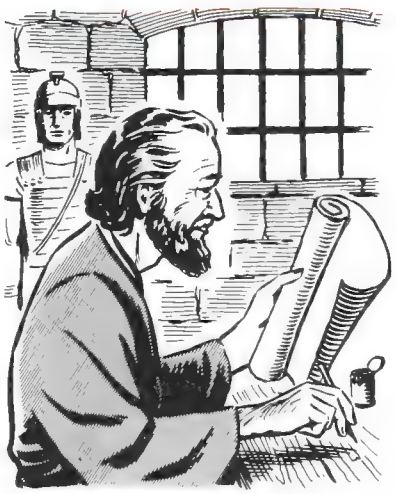
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Along the Bible Way

PAUL the Apostle...

Fearless Christian Missionary



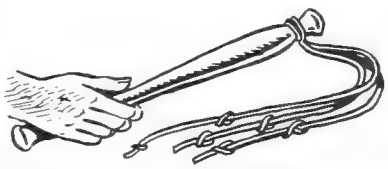
HIS LETTERS BECAME SCRIPTURE

PAUL ESTABLISHED MANY CHURCHES ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEYS, AND LATER KEPT IN CONTACT WITH THEM THROUGH LETTERS (EPISTLES). SOME OF THESE LETTERS WERE WRITTEN IN PRISON.

GOD SAID: *"HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL UNTO ME, TO BEAR MY NAME BEFORE THE GENTILES AND KINGS, AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL."* ACTS 9:15

PAUL CARRIED OUT THIS SPECIAL MISSION FAITHFULLY, AND THE STORY OF HIS LIFE IS A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR CHRIST:

"FIVE TIMES RECEIVED I FORTY STRIPES SAVE ONE.



THRICE WAS I BEATEN WITH RODS,



ONCE WAS I STONED,



THRICE I SUFFERED SHIPWRECK,



A NIGHT AND A DAY I HAVE BEEN IN THE DEEP;



IN JOURNEYINGS OFTEN, ...IN PERILS OF ROBBERS"
II COR 11:24-26



ONCE, PAUL WAS A FIERCE ENEMY OF CHRISTIANS--THEN HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN HIMSELF. HE TRAVELED FAR, SUFFERED MUCH AND GAVE HIS LIFE IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD.

HUBART

Wanted: MEN LIKE PAUL

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:6-8).

In the face of death all dimensions of time seem to flash into one eternal present. As the apostle Paul was about to terminate his ministry, he looked back in retrospect upon his service for Christ. He saw on the gloomy horizon that his days were numbered and a martyr's death awaited him. But he rejoiced as he contemplated that blessed victor's crown reserved in heaven for the faithful.

There is a desperate need today for people like Paul the Apostle.

Paul's Present Readiness (v. 6)

The Apostle regarded his ministry of soul-winning as an offering to God. This idea goes back to the drink-offering in the Old Testament (Num. 15:1-10). The libation, or pouring out, completed the drink offering. So the pouring out of the Apostle's life completed his life of continual sacrifice to God.

Notice how calmly Paul speaks of his approaching death—as a departure, a loosening of the tent cords, a breaking up of camp. What a contrast was his living faith and dying testimony with the testimony of men like Thomas Paine, who begged, "Oh, Lord, help me, for I cannot bear to be left alone." Most Christians would assert, "I am ready to die." But unless your life has been one continual offering to Christ, you are not at all ready to "go."

Paul's Past Record (v. 7)

Paul pauses and reviews his labors for Christ. He summarizes his entire ministry in the 16 words of verse 7. The emphasis here should not be on the "I," but on the "good fight," the "course," and the "faith." Paul was not like some preachers who forever dote about how much they "gave up" and "sacrificed" for the ministry. The heartbeat of the Apostle was that Timothy might better understand the task that faced him and all other young men who would enter the ministry (II Tim. 4:5).

Paul's entire life had been a ceaseless, strenuous conflict with Satan, evil men, and spiritual wickedness. He fought personally (I Cor. 9:25-27), not to keep himself saved, but to avoid being in any sense a has-been preacher. He fought unselfishly by regarding no bounds of hardships to preach to the lost (II Cor. 4: 8-17). He fought defensively in that he was not ashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16), and was always ready to give an answer to anyone who wanted to know why (I Peter 3:15).

Every believer has to fight the world, the flesh, and the devil. He must be willing to wrestle with whatever hardships and sufferings are necessary to get the gospel to others. But, praise God, it is the *good* fight because the cause is good. Eternal issues are at stake.

As Paul looked back upon his life of persecution and heartache, he could honestly say, "I have no regrets." He had not sought to please men, plans, or programs, but to please Christ (Gal. 1:10). As you review your own life today, can you say the same thing as Paul?

Paul's Future Reward (v. 8)

The reward which the Apostle anticipated was not eternal life, for this is not earned through a struggle. It was not a crown *consisting* of righteousness, but a crown which is the *reward* of righteousness (I Cor. 9:24-25). Whatever the reward is for God's faithful stewards, it will be worth all the effort. The Righteous Judge ("umpire" in the original) will make no mistakes and commit no injustices when He rewards His own.

God wants men today like Paul. The harvest fields are crying for laborers. The requirements are high, the remuneration is low, but the eternal rewards are truly tremendous. Will you, today, answer God's ad? Will you be that man? ▼



By Rev. Ron Thompson
Staff Evangelist, Board of Evangelism

CHURCH NEWS

MEYERSDALE, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman were at the Summit Mills Brethren Church in November for a series of meetings; during the services there were four decisions of rededication. Kenn Sanders, of the National Youth Council, was at the church Jan. 1 and 2 for an A.C.T.-spiration meeting; he was accompanied by a group from Grace College. Roy Kreimes, pastor.

PERU, IND. On Nov. 21 the ladies of the Junior and Senior WMC's of the Peru Brethren Church combined their talents to take charge of the Sunday evening service; they presented special music and some unusual short talks, and Pastor Gerald Root brought a short devotional. The SMM girls were the usherettes for the evening.

JENNERS, PA. Rev. Kenneth Wilt resigned as pastor of the Jenners Brethren Church to accept the call to the Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa. He began his new ministry the first of the year. His new address is 2296 Church Rd., York, Pa.

JACKSON, MICH. Mr. Ora Smith, secretary of the Michigan District and a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church in Jackson, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Monday, Oct. 25. He was anointed by Pastor Gilbert Hawkins and Rev. Lester Pifer on Nov. 28. At last report he was home and making fine progress.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers and a Grace College trio had charge of the evening service at the church Nov. 21.

TRACY, CALIF. On Dec. 12 Rev. Alfred Dodds finished his ministry as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here; he and his wife have moved to Stockton, Calif.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church Sunday evening, Dec. 12, was Rev. Evan Adams; formerly in charge of our Navajo mission in New Mexico, Rev. Adams is now associated with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

SEAL BEACH, CALIF. The Christmas banquet of the Grace Brethren Church was held Dec. 18 at Knotts Berry Farm. E. John Gillis, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. "The Key to Life" was the title of the Christmas program presented by the Brethren Elementary School Dec. 15. Howard Vulgamore is principal; Warren Tamkin is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The watch-night service of the First Brethren Church, which was sponsored by the youth of the church, included the new film, "Beloved Enemy." Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church Sunday morning, Nov. 28, was Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, of Whittier, Calif. Rev. Leslie Moore, from Winona Lake, Ind., held a series of evangelistic meetings here in November. Russell Konves, pastor.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, representing Grace Schools, spoke to the young people's group and then in the evening service at Grace Brethren Church Dec. 12. Clair Brickel, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Dec. 19 was Rev. and Mrs. William Schaffer's concluding Sunday at the First Brethren Church; following the Christmas program that night there was a short program and social gathering in their honor. Ron Jurke, interim pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Pastor Ward Miller, of Community Brethren Church, wrote in his weekly news sheet Dec. 1: "One of the finest presentations on how to choose a college and what to look for in a college was made last Sunday night to the high-school young people of our church. The speaker was Richard Messner, formerly head coach at Grace College, now director of development at Grace." On Dec. 12 Pastor Miller and the choir presented "Who Is the Christ?"

DAYTON, OHIO. Dr. Herman Hoyt was speaker at North Riverdale Brethren Church on Sunday, Dec. 12. Miss Ruby Gregg, of the North Riverdale church, celebrated her 83rd birthday in December by taking her first helicopter ride. Richard Burch, pastor.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Pastor Jim Custer reports that Rev. Richard Messner, of Grace Seminary and College, was Sunday morning speaker at First Brethren Church Dec. 12; in the evening he spoke at the Waterloo Brethren church.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Dan Grabill, national youth director, recently spoke to the teen-agers of the Singer Hill Brethren Church and in the Wednesday evening service. Glenn Byers, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. A Sunday-school seminar was held Dec. 11 to 13 at Grace Brethren Church with Dr. Harold Etling, national Sunday-school director. The Christmas program Dec. 19 included an original play written by Mrs. Robert Collitt, wife of the pastor.

BELL, CALIF. Dr. Harry Sturz, a former pastor of the Bell Brethren Church, now professor at Biola, was guest speaker here Dec. 5. Ernest Bearinger, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Patterson Park

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Feb. 2-13	Ralph Colburn	John Carrara
Johnson City, Tenn.	Feb. 6-13	K. E. Richardson	Ron Thompson

Brethren Church plans to hold a missionary conference Jan. 28 to 30; featured speaker is to be Phil Saint, a chalk-artist, evangelist-missionary to South America, and brother of the missionary Nate Saint who was martyred in Ecuador. Some of his most recent pictures will be shown, as well as a film, "Inhale the Incense." A Christmas banquet "Funtastic" was held Dec. 29. Byron Jensen, principal of the church's day school, reports that there have been some decisions for Christ in the classrooms. A non-member recently gave the school $2,000 for architectural fees for their building program. Nathan Casement, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The Conemaugh Brethren Sunday School won first place in their division in the national Sunday-school contest in October, and they also won a triangle contest with the Riverside and Geistown Brethren churches. The other two churches honored them in a banquet held Dec. 11. Don Rager, pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. Dr. Glenn O'Neal, Southern California-Arizona District secretary, and a professor at Talbot Seminary, was a recent speaker at the Rialto Brethren Church. Gerald Polman, pastor.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. The West Homer Brethren Church completed and dedicated a new 20- by 24-foot addition to the parsonage on Dec. 5. Open house for members and friends was held in the afternoon. Robert Holmes, pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Rev. Bernard Schneider held revival meetings at the First Brethren Church in November; average attendance was 186, and there were 20 public decisions, three for salvation. Charles Thornton, pastor.

HOPEWELL, PA. On Nov. 28 Sgt. Edward Jackson, of the Ohio State Police, spoke in the services of the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held a revival crusade here Dec. 5-8. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. On Dec. 5 at First Brethren Church Rev. Lester Pifer showed pictures of the work of Brethren Home Missions; Chaplain John Schumacher was special soloist. William A. Ogden, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. Fifteen were baptized at the close of the evening service Nov. 28. Paul Dick, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Word recording artist Herb Hoover took part in the service Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at First Brethren Church, and special speaker was Rev. Robert Cover, missionary to Argentina. The service was followed by a special "Christmas party" for the Covers, who are supported by the church. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Donna Fye and Albert Michelotti, Sept. 25, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Janet Browning and Marvin Mahan, Oct. 9, Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

Lois Garshnick and Daniel Wicks, Nov. 13, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Ethelyn Rene Peck and Joseph Anthony Baima, Nov. 19, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Telly Kelly and Warren Roderick, Nov. 26, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Marcille Moine and Edward Baker, Nov. 27, First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio.

Donna O'Neal and Jim Speer, Dec. 4, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Ardith Benore and Bob Miller, Dec. 10, Grace Brethren Church, Margate, Fla.



PALMYRA, PA. A "Spiritual Vitality Campaign" was held at the Grace Brethren Church Nov. 22 to 28, with Rev. Alva Conner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Galion, Ohio, as speaker. Pastor Russell Weber reports: "The meetings were well attended with an average of 96 for the week." Music director was Rev. Robert Messner, and conference musicians were Nancy Messner, Janice Conner, Janet Weber, and Larry Weber. Pictured above is a quartet that sang during the campaign; left to right are Larry Weber, Rev. Alva Conner, Rev. Robert Messner, and Rev. Russell Weber.

The congregation recently received into membership Rev. and Mrs. Emlyn Jones and Rev. and Mrs. Donald Goodhart. Rev. Jones is presently a chaplain in the US Army, stationed in the Seattle, Wash., area. Rev. Goodhart, a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, has been pastor of a Baptist church in Maine. He was baptized by trine immersion in the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa., on Dec. 7 by Pastor Weber, and he was examined for the Christian ministry in The Brethren Church. (Photo by Allen Zook.)

Jesus Is Wonderful

It was wonderful to worship the Lord on His birthday, and all believers should have, but we ought not to worship our blessed Lord without freshly realizing who He really is. It is entirely possible to get into a rut in our thinking about our Saviour. Our thinking is best renewed by going to the Book of books and there viewing with new insight the Christ of Bethlehem.

The one verse in Scripture that always renews my thinking is Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

May I very reverently take you into the inner sanctuary of God's thinking about His Son when He called Him Wonderful. Prophetically, this title from heaven was given to the Man Christ Jesus. Wonderful means exciting, marvelous, astonishing. He was exciting in His person, marvelous in His character, and astonishing in His teaching.

Do you know of anyone more marvelously exciting in His person than Jesus Christ? Of all the well-known men of history, His life is by far the most exciting. The claims of His birth, His life and His death are the most exciting claims made by man in the annals of human history. No other person has claimed what He claims. Christians round the world receive new enthusiasm each time they rethink their knowledge of the person of Christ.

He was marvelous in His character. Has anyone in human history ever equaled His morality? Even His enemies were not able to stain His sinless life with sin. Jesus Christ was perfectly sinless, absolutely holy, completely without sin. When the Father prophesied that the Son's name would be Wonderful, He was really pointing out the fact that the Messiah would live above sin.

Finally, our Lord was astonishing in His teaching. His listeners were shocked by what they heard. Some were so happy they could hardly believe their ears; others were more interested in catching Him up in His words. Today we can still say, "Never man spake like this man." His words are still astonishing. Men without Christ and without hope are still hearing the good news that in Christ there is hope and life.

Was Isaiah right? Is Jesus Wonderful? With John Peace we can say, "Jesus, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast."

By *Chaplain (1st Lt) Emlyn H. Jones, US Army German Chaplain, Fort Lewis, Washington*

INVASION--OUTER SPACE



By Dr. Raymond Gingrich



Occasionally news releases report that someone has seen flying saucers in the sky. Some have even reported that these saucers have landed somewhere, and that "little green men" have emerged from the interior. The general impression is given that these saucer-like aerial vehicles are invasions from outer space by intelligent beings. About such alleged invasions we, personally, have no reliable knowledge.

In the meantime our attention is drawn to an authentic account of two invasions from outer space--one past, one future. Both invasions center in the same "Spaceman."

In His first invasion He came incognito, disguised except to a privileged few who had been expecting Him (Luke 2:36-38). Why did He invade the world in such fashion? C. S. Lewis, formerly a faculty member of Oxford University, British Isles, gave the answer when he described this world as enemy-occupied territory. The Man from outer space, who had invaded Earth, was Heir-apparent to the throne of the world. He came to establish a bridgehead from which to launch a campaign for the ultimate control of His kingdom.

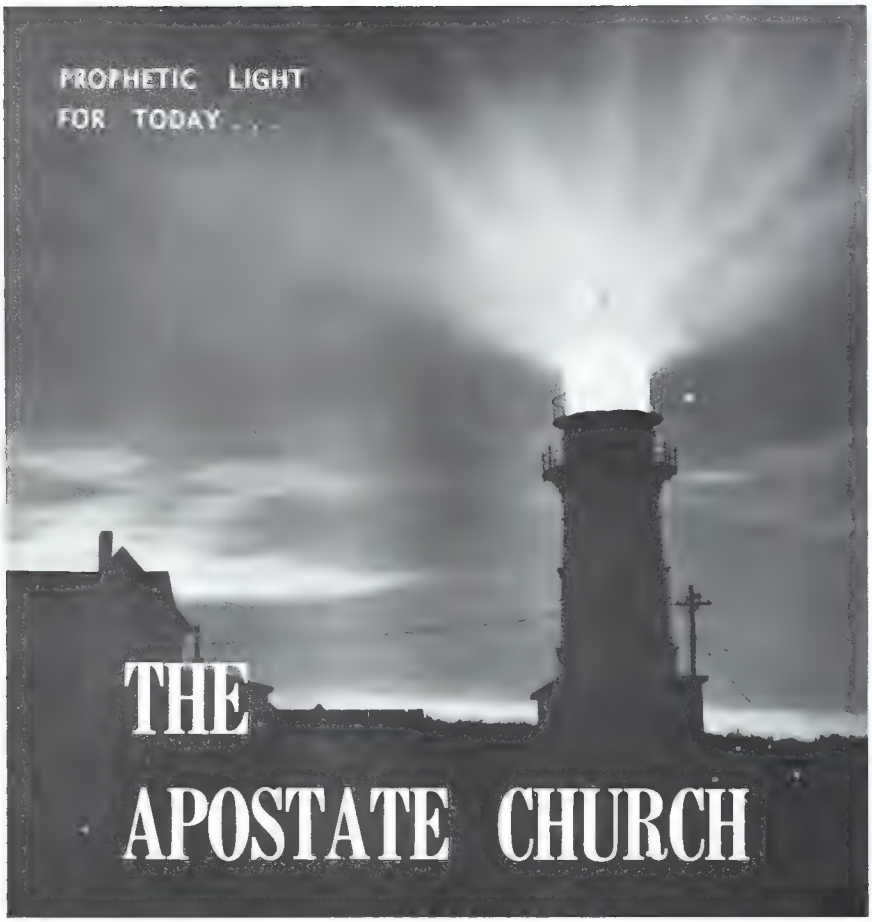
This Man had to prove first to a hard corps of chosen men just who He was. This He did by His deeds of mercy and miracles with which His activities abounded. At the same time He taught and trained this corps of men to sabotage the program of the usurper who occupied the world and ruled over its program, and lead to his ultimate defeat and overthrow. In this He was very successful, although it cost Him His life.

Out of apparent defeat the "Spaceman" miraculously arose from the grave to fill His corps of dedicated men with hope and determination to carry out their assignments without regard to the cost or effort involved. Then He "took off" for His return flight to outer space, from which He was to direct His program and develop His plans for His ultimate take-over of the Earth from the evil usurper, better known as the devil, and set up His Earth-kingdom.

In His second invasion from outer space this Spaceman will not be in lowly disguise, or incognito. He will land in tremendous force with the armies of Heaven under His command (Rev. 19:11-16). It will be an invasion of such magnitude and power that the earth will reverberate with the tumult, and the heavens will tremble at the sound of His voice. His coming will "strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature" (C. S. Lewis).

The usurper and his subjects will be destroyed (II Thess. 1:7-10). It is then that this "Spaceman" will at long last be unveiled (Rev. 1:7), and will be recognized as God's Son whom the world hated and crucified at His first appearing. Then He will be crowned as King of kings and Lord of lords, and enthroned as the rightful Monarch of God's kingdom on Earth.

We are already enlisted in His corps of saboteurs, dedicated to the overthrow of the usurper, daily engaged in undermining the plans and program of the Lawless One, and seeking volunteers who are willing to commit themselves to this tremendous undertaking. Now is the time to enlist on the side of the "Spaceman," before He invades in judgment. He will not delay His coming indefinitely, so "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). ▼



Revelation 17 describes this religious system . . . is it now forming?



BY DR. CHARLES W. MAYES

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Long Beach, California

In Revelation 17 we have a description of the apostate church to appear in great power at the end of this age. This chapter has been in the Bible for about nineteen hundred years. During that time it has been ignored, opposed, rejected and denied, but there it is in your own Bible. Read it for yourself.

Through the Centuries

As generations have come and gone, religious leaders have often applied this chapter, treating the subject of the apostate church, to another group which did not agree with them. Rome applied it to Luther, and Luther applied it to Rome. It is reported that some Romanists even applied it to some other Romanists. Some Protestants have seen here the description of other Protestants.

Those Who Believe the Word

Bible-believing Protestants have in our day come to apply this not to Rome alone, nor to any branch of Protestant apostates, but to a coming super church, somewhat different from anything in past history. People are not saved or lost by denominations. The final apostasy will be the result of the free choice of multitudes who will decide to go along with the great religious mass. Revelation 17 describes just such a world-wide, political-ecclesiastical, ecumenical, apostate religious system.

The Crowd Today

Things are changing. Once Rome called the Protestants heretics. Now Protestants are called separated brethren. But this is only the beginning. Rome is broadening out.

Today Rome is speaking of the breadth of the Roman Ecumenical Council. This council has now spoken of the Church's attitude not only toward the Jewish religion but also toward all non-Christian religions.

Dialogue With Pagans

Cardinal Bea in an interview with the Italian News Agency ANSA is thus quoted: "The Church itself, for the first time in history, proposes brotherly dialogue with non-Christian religions. Therefore the declaration within limits constitutes a worthwhile contribution to the promotion of peace among men. With this instrument the Church faithfully continues the work of the divine Prince of Peace, pondering ever more carefully how it can help promote unity and concord among men and nations."

So the Roman Catholic Church is taking on a new image. Through dialogue the hierarchy is moving toward an amalgamation with as much of Protestantism as possible, with the ultimate goal of uniting all the religions of the world.

A Roman Catholic reports of the breadth of the Vatican Council: "It was above all the collaboration of the council which gave it that ample —indeed very ample—*breadth that now enables it to speak not only of the Church's attitude toward the Jewish religion but also toward all non-Christian religions.*" ▼

BRETHREN MISSIONARY

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Two Indiana Churches Go Self-Supporting

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The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.

Dear Members and Friends of the Goshen and Fort Wayne Grace Brethren Churches:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our all-sufficient Saviour!

This occasion when we celebrate the step of faith of your churches' going self-supporting is a cause for rejoicing in Brethren churches all over this nation, and particularly in the churches of the Indiana District, which have assisted in getting these testimonies for Christ established.

The Brethren Home Missions Council, its more than ten thousand corporation members, its directorate and its staff rejoice with you in this momentous occasion. Dr. Grubb, the executive secretary under whose leadership these works were begun, and I, have great cause for thanksgiving to see you people arising to strong leadership, carrying an aggressive program of evangelism, Bible teaching and missionary activity; and it is especially thrilling to see you willingly sacrifice to carry your own financial load unassisted, in complete dependence upon the Lord.

The self-supporting home-mission church is a mature church and should be able to carry on its own business. It should continue actively in soul-winning and be a harbor for lost and troubled souls. Its influence must be felt equally in the home and foreign mission fields, in missionary vision, in gifts, and in producing recruits for missionary service. This church should manifest an attitude of gratefulness and cooperation with its sister churches, locally and nationally, for their prayerful assistance.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is not casting aside its responsibility to aid your church in an hour of extreme need. Our contract states that for a period of at least five years we shall stand ready to assist if needed. At the end of this period, your church having demonstrated its ability to carry on its ministry effectively and properly and having reduced its indebtedness substantially, and at a time mutually agreed upon by the church and the Brethren Home Missions Council, the title to all property at these locations shall be turned over to the local church with "no strings attached." In the meantime, it is our prayer that you will make every effort to see that your ministry is well rewarded, that current bills are paid promptly and that your obligation to the building indebtedness is paid regularly and reduced as rapidly as possible. In all of your giving do not fail to give our lovely Lord pre-eminence, remembering your duty to help Him in His missionary work at home and abroad.

May God's richest blessings be yours in this hour of rejoicing. We shall continue to remember you in prayer and trust that you will do likewise with us. May many precious souls won for Christ be your portion of blessing in this year. If God tarries the coming of His Son, may this be your greatest in growth in knowledge and grace of our precious Lord.

Yours in His matchless grace,

Lester E. Pifer

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Executive Secretary

The Brethren Church Grows with Home Missions



Evidence of God's Blessings in Goshen

By James M. Kennedy, Pastor



The Kennedy family—Mrs. Kennedy, Rev. Kennedy, Tim, Cheryl and Dave

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). The living God is still in the business of working miracles in the world today. And what a comfort it is to Christian people to read how the Lord is actively engaged in the fulfillment to His divine program. Yes, it is true that we are living in times of great apostasy when many hear the gospel message of salvation and reject it for the pleasures of the world. But nevertheless, God is still on the throne, and He is calling out a people for himself; He is still establishing gospel-preaching churches for this purpose. And there is an undercurrent of religious activity as the true church is being formed.

We have evidence of this here in Goshen, Indiana. Since the beginning of our ministry here in November, 1963, we have witnessed the movement of the Holy Spirit doing the impossible in the Goshen church. In the past 25 months we have progressed to the point where January 1, 1966, was the date of our church's going self-supporting. Oh! what blessings we have enjoyed as 33 souls accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and 82 people rededicated their lives to the living Lord, to bring glory to Him—an average of one public decision per week. God is working, and we praise His name for including the community of Goshen in the planning of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Sunday, December 19, 1965, was indeed a bonus day for our church. During the Sunday-school hour we held our Christmas program and the Lord blessed us with a record attendance of 163 people. Our "new pews" were fairly well filled, and our hearts were thrilled with joy as once again the impossible was overcome by the Lord.

The Goshen church expresses its appreciation to the people of Brethren churches throughout the country for their part in pioneering new gospel-preaching testimonies. Because of a real and vital concern for lost souls on the part of Christian people, our church was founded. Now we are in a position to help support the Brethren Home Missions Council in their program designed to reach the people of America with the Good News that Jesus saves!

(Home-mission editor's note: The Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, Indiana, was organized on February 14, 1954, by Herman H. Hein, Jr., who was the first pastor. In early 1955 the present location was secured and a building started by the Brethren Construction Company. The church was completed and dedicated to God on October 2, 1955. The month following dedication the late Dr. R. Paul Miller held a three-week evangelistic meeting. When Rev. Hein accepted a call to Troy, Ohio, Dr. Miller accepted the call to become pastor of the Goshen church and began his ministry on December 1, 1956. He continued as pastor until his resignation because of ill health in November, 1963. It was at this time that Rev. James Kennedy, a student in Grace Seminary, was called to become pastor.) ▼



COVER PHOTO

Two Indiana home-mission churches went self-supporting January 1, 1966. They are the Goshen Grace Brethren Church and the Fort Wayne Grace Brethren Church.

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Above, top down: Mrs. Elaine Lambert and Mrs. Linda Slater's class, and Mrs. Beveral Simmons and the Christmas choir. Right: top down; Mrs. Gloria Moyer's class, Mr. Mike Shaffer's class, and Mr. Earl Slagle's class.







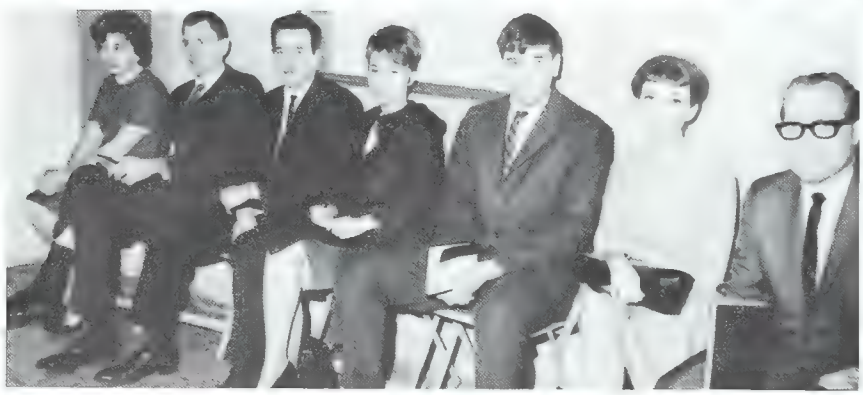




Left column down: Mr. John Gay's class, Mr. Denny Lambert's class, and Mr. Richard Swihart's class. Above: Mr. Ronald Miller's class and Mr. Marvin Brumbaugh's class.

Grace Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Goes Self-Supporting









Top down: Adult class, Mr. Clarence Henderson, teacher; Pairs and Spares, Rev. Stanley Jensen, teacher; Senior High, Miss Carol Roderick, teacher; and Junior High, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Castator, teachers.

By Rev. Paul Fink, Pastor

About a year and a half ago the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was without a pastor. The thought of going self-supporting was in the remote and unobtainable future. Today, it has taken the step of going self-supporting—caring for all of its own financial responsibilities. At least three basic stepping stones have made this step possible.

Organizationally. Not long ago the church had leaders who were that in name only. Channels of authority were virtually non-existent, and responsibilities were vague. The church looked to the pastor for decisions in every area. Now, the church has elected officers who take their responsibilities seriously and discharge the functions of their offices effectively and efficiently. In short, the men who are the leaders of the church are leading the church and running its business. They look to the pastor for counsel but not to make their decisions for them. This assures the church of a healthy independence and a high morale for the future.

Financially. Not long ago the church was in financial chaos. It did not know what it had or what it owed. It came to the end of fiscal years in the "red."

Now, the church has instituted the unified budget system, which has given it financial stability. All monies that come into the church (except for specially designated funds) go into the church treasury. Eighteen per cent of every undesignated dollar is automatically set aside for the support of our various denominational organizations.

What has this system done for us? As we come to the end of this fiscal

year we can see the following benefits: (1) We are operating on a solid basis of sound financial responsibility. (2) All of our bills are paid. (3) The church is practicing what it preaches—regular, systematic giving in proportion to the way in which the Lord blesses. (4) Our general giving is up nearly $3,000 over the preceding year. (5) Our missions giving for the year is nearly $2,800—an all-time record for our church. (6) Our giving to *all* of our denominational agencies is substantially increased over last year, and we support *all* of them equally *every* Sunday of the year. (7) We did not miss a single building payment throughout the year ($325 per month).

At the end of the year the Lord led us to have a special "'Prove Me Now' Month" in which the people of the church were encouraged to do two things: (1) to begin regular, systematic giving in proportion to the way that the Lord had blessed them (if they had not done so already), and (2) to set a personal goal of giving *above* their normal giving. As a result of this the Lord worked marvelously in our church. The number of regular, systematic givers nearly doubled, and $1,165 was given in our special offering *above* the regular giving. This has enabled the church to end the year in the most healthful financial condition of its history.

Ministerially. A year and a half







Top down: Intermediate boys, Mr. George Lord, Jr., teacher; Intermediate girls, Mrs. Clarence Henderson, teacher; Junior class, Miss Gloria Warrick, teacher; Beginners, Mrs. Stanley Jensen, teacher; and extreme left the kindergarten, Mrs. Albert Ervin, teacher.





ago the church had difficulty in finding a full-time resident pastor. Rev. E. William Male, dean of Grace College, served the church as interim pastor briefly. When Brother Male had to go to Indiana University for the summer, Rev. Paul Fink, professor of homiletics and Christian education at Grace Theological Seminary, was asked to come to serve the church on an interim basis.

When all ministerial prospects had been exhausted, the church decided to institute a long-range program designed to meet their need. It was then (October, 1964) that Brother Fink was asked to come to the church with Brother W. Stanley Jensen, then a Middler student at the seminary. Both of them together were the *part-time pastor* of the church, Brother Fink taking the preaching and administrational responsibilities and Brother Jensen taking the educational and home Bible class responsibilities. This plan was worked on a trial basis for nearly a year. This past September the church extended a call to its pastors to continue the present ministerial arrangement through August 1, 1966. At that time Brother Jensen will become the full-time resident pastor of the church, and Brother Fink's connection with the church will cease.

What has this done for the church? It has given it time to set up an efficiently-running administration and to chart a course for the future. Brother Jensen will assume his position as full-time resident pastor with two years "on the job" training. He will be able to continue the policies that have been set up, and the transition in leadership will be effected without any difficulty. The church will have a full-time resident pastor who already understands its needs and problems, who loves it, and who, by the grace of God, will spend the rest of his life building this church. The outlook for the church is as bright as the promises of God.

To the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren Investment Foundation, and every person in the denomination who has had any part whatever in the growth of our church to bring it to this milestone in its history, we say, *thank you!* ▼



Above: The nursery, Mrs. Raymond Warrick, superintendent; below: Rev. Stanley Jensen and Rev. Paul Fink.





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ISRAEL CALLS!

DESIRE AND PRAYER

BY ISOBEL FRASER

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1), said the apostle Paul. This is the desire of my heart also. Is it yours? If so, will you join us in prayer for the working of God in Jewish hearts? The following are a few special situations to remember.

"I can't be converted because of my children and my grandchildren," was the remark of Mrs. L— one afternoon as I talked with her in her apartment. However, she was not referring to believing in Christ as Saviour and God but to confessing Him in baptism. Again, we Gentile Christians need to realize what baptism means to Jewish people and why they do not as readily submit to it as Gentile believers. It still has the stigma of the baptisms of the Inquisition and similar persecutions, during which Jews either were forcibly baptized or submitted to it to save their lives. Nevertheless, as Christians they need to put the Lord first and trust Him to work out relations between themselves and their loved ones. Though not blind, Mrs. L— has a sight problem, and I am her secretary as she keeps in touch with her children. Occasionally she drops a remark about spiritual things and mentions that a Christian friend is helping her. For over a year now she has faithfully attended our meetings for the blind, and at times she has attended Sunday evening services with me. May the Word take root in her heart and cause her to go all the way with Christ.

"Sometime ago when I asked you if you believed in Christ as God and Saviour you had some doubts. Do you feel any differently now, H—?" H—'s reply to my question was that she believed in one God and that Jesus was merely a symbol. A Hebrew Christian was calling with me, and we assured her that we, too, believed in one God but that He had revealed himself as a tri-unity. She was willing to be shown some Old Testament passages relative to this. To show her that the Old Testament also speaks of God's Son, we read a portion of Proverbs 30 and Psalm 2. We pointed out His birth (Isa. 7:14), His Person (Isa. 9:6-7), His birthplace and eternal existence (Micah 5:2). Then we considered the Old Testament use of the word "echod" (one), meaning unity, as used regarding God (Deut. 6:4) and regarding marriage (Gen. 2:24), and the Trinity as found in Isaiah 48. She listened attentively as we read Isaiah 53, which explains why it was necessary for God the Son to come into the world and die, and Zechariah 12, with special emphasis on verse 10, showing that when King Messiah comes to judge and bring



peace He will be the wounded One of Isaiah. H— is a widow and is without income. Because of her age she has not been able to find a steady position. Through a Christian friend a Baptist church across the street from her apartment house employs her to help in their nursery on Sundays and Wednesday night. Because of this work, she is prevented from attending our Wednesday evening Bible class, but she mentioned listening to the message over the public address system the other night. Thus, perhaps, through the nursery work she can be kept under the ministry of the Word. We are concerned, however, about the influence of a friend who is in a false cult. May God's Word accomplish His purpose in H—'s heart.

Mrs. B—'s nephew, a professor in Chicago, had come to Los Angeles to lecture. She told me of her visit with him and several other relatives. The conversation had turned to religion, and this nephew and the others ridiculed faith and the Bible. It was a real joy to hear how Mrs. B— took a stand for the Bible and her faith in God. My only desire is that her faith may be in Christ as Saviour and God. This Jewess and her husband have been very open to discussing the New Testament as well as the Old. She has attended some of our evening Bible classes and is a member of our day meeting. We desire to see her husband come to our meetings and through the teaching of the gospel to see both confess Christ as Saviour and God.

Answering my phone during my lunch hour one day, I found myself involved in a consumer poll regarding Rand-McNally. Upon giving the requested information, I asked the lady who had questioned me if she would now give me some of her time, since I had been generous with mine. As I bore a witness to her, she informed me that she was not of my faith but Jewish. This was no problem, so I proceeded to talk to her of Christ as Messiah and of the coming high holidays. She thanked me for what I had to say, remarking that she might not always agree but she was glad to receive information on all subjects. She was reticent to have me call personally on her (too busy!) but was willing for me to send her literature. Pray that the literature sent will stimulate her interest and concern to such an extent that she will contact me.

Will you stand with us on the promise of Christ Jesus in Mark 11: 24? "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." ▼

CHURCH NEWS

FREMONT, OHIO. Former pastor Thomas Hammers was speaker at Grace Brethren Church Dec. 12, representing Grace College and Seminary; he was accompanied by his wife and a ladies' musical team. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

ARVADA, COLO. Rev. J. C. Bill McKillen has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, effective April 1, 1966. He desires a Western pastorate which would not include maintenance and/or construction duties.

NOTICE: The address of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., is 3759 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90807.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Chaplain Dale Brock, of the Osceola, Ind., Brethren church, reports that Rev. Bill Smith, director of the Board of Evangelism, was guest speaker for two services recently at the Naval Air Facility Chapel on Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Rev. Brock requests prayer for his work as chaplain at the base.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The First Brethren Church recently concluded a county-wide telephone survey to obtain information about the religious life of the community. The purpose, according to Pastor Kenneth Ashman, was to find out how many people were unchurched and then encourage them to join a church of their own choice. The survey, which included aproximately 12,000 telephone calls, was sponsored by the laymen of the church.

CORRECTION: Whoops, our mistake! The newsbrief on page 11 of the Dec. 25 issue of the *Missionary Herald* under the Elizabethtown, Pa., heading, was incorrect. The news item was actually a report concerning the Penn Valley Brethren church in Souderton, Pa., where Roy Dice is interim pastor, rather than the Grace Brethren Church in Elizabethtown. Please accept our apologies for this confusing error.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Pastor Richard McCarthy, of the First Brethren Church, writes: "We just finished a week of meetings (Dec. 5-12) with Bro. Gerald Teeter, and we praise the Lord for the ten rededications of life and the one little girl who came to the Lord as Saviour. We met every other night and visited the 'off' nights. We praise the Lord, too, that we have gone over our goal of $700 for home missions and are within $90 of our $1,500 goal for foreign missions."

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. In an evangelistic crusade held at the Grace Brethren Church here Dec. 6-12 by Rev. Ron Thompson, there were 17 first-time confessions of faith and 20 decisions of rededication. The film "Just a Stranger" was shown at the Akron Bible Institute, and one decision was made there. Edward Lewis, pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF. Evangelist Kenny Poure was the special speaker at the annual Homecoming Day service at the Norwalk Brethren Church Dec. 5; nearly 200 persons were served at a banquet that afternoon. New choir robes have been delivered fully paid for as the climax of a successful Homecoming Day project. The new $130,000 Christian education building has been begun and by mid-December was in the framing stage. During 1965, 46 persons were added to the membership of the church. Howard Mayes, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. Rev. Raymond Thompson has been called unanimously to serve as pastor of the First Brethren Church for his sixth year.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, 5130 Hoover Ave., has been sold; on Dec. 26 the congregation merged with the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio, just two miles away. All boards and councils are asked to discontinue mailings to the Hoover Ave. church. Clyde Caes, pastor.

WINONA, MINN. After almost five years as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Rev. Quentin Matthes recently resigned. He is temporarily working with the young people of the Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield, Ohio; future plans are indefinite. His current address is 442 Overlook Rd., Mansfield, Ohio. All correspondence to the Grace Brethren Church of Winona should be sent in care of Mrs. Everett Bearden, Lewiston, Minn. Please change *Annual.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Addison, 4501 Larchwood Pl., Riverside, Calif. 92506 (Tel. 684-9818). Rev. and Mrs. Neil Beery, 38656 Cherry Valley



YAKIMA, WASH. Pictured above is this year's nativity presentation of the Grace Brethren Church here, which won a first place rating in a local decorating contest. The display utilized live persons and animals as well as inanimate objects. Twelve persons were recently baptized, nine of whom joined the church. Henry Rempel is pastor.

Blvd., Beaumont, Calif. Please change *Annual*.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. A series of ten Sunday morning messages on the theme "The World Scene" was begun by Pastor Robert Firl, Temple City Brethren Church, on Jan. 9; specific topics are as follows: (1) People in General, (2) Viet Nam, (3) Space, (4) Russia, (5) The United Arab Republic, (6) Israel, (7) The United Nations, (8) The Vatican, (9) Protestants, and (10) The True Church. The messages are a Biblical view of crucial happenings in the world today.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Lynn and Rita Hoyt, Susan Horney, and Eleanor Mares, all students at Grace College, gave testimonies in a December mid-week service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church about spending their Christmas vacation in Mexico with Operation Mobilization. An offering received for them totaled over $200. Charles Ashman, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. On Dec. 19 the adult choir of First Brethren Church presented the cantata "Love Transcending," and the following week a 30-voice children's choir presented a special program of their own. "God's Country," a Tony Fontaine film, was shown in the New Year's Eve Service. Jan. 16 was designated "Home Mission Sunday," and Rev. Lester Pifer, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was speaker. The day before Christmas a daughter, Melody Sue, was born to Pastor and Mrs. Forrest Jackson.

WINCHESTER, VA. On their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 21 Pastor and Mrs. Paul Dick were presented by the church with a number of gifts of silver and cash.

ELKHART, IND. "Angel on a Stepladder" was the name of the Christmas play presented at Grace Brethren Church Dec. 19. In the annual watch night service the color film "Prescription for Doc" was shown. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Christmas was celebrated at First Brethren Church with a special candlelight service. Fred Fogle, missionary on furlough, spoke Dec. 26, showing slides of France. On Dec. 29 the church held a reception in honor of the Fogles and Miss Edith Geske, missionary to Africa; all three are members of the church. Gifts were presented to the missionaries and refreshments were served. Special recognition was given to the 34 people who had become members of the church since the last such reception. Rev. Clyde Landrum, who has traveled quite extensively in our mission fields, was speaker Wednesday evening, Jan. 5. W. A. Ogden, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. "Let Your Light Shine," a three-act Christmas play by Dr. Bernard Schneider, was presented by the young people of the Grace Brethren Church. Gene Witzky, pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The second annual foreign missionary conference was held Jan. 5-9 at the First Brethren Church; missionaries present represented Africa, Brazil, South America, and France. Charles Turner, pastor.

BELL, CALIF. A musical drama, "He Is the Prince of Peace," was presented by the Bell Brethren Church in December; selections from four of John W. Peterson's cantatas carried the theme through the three acts and epilogue. Ernest Bearinger, pastor.

TROY, OHIO. Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, spoke at the Grace Brethren Church here Dec. 19. The film "Martin Luther" was shown at the church's watch night service. John Neely, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The Lynn Schrocks, soon to return to their work in Argentina, were guests of honor at the New Year's Eve service of the Grace Brethren Church. John Aeby, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The congregation of the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church has voted to remodel the parsonage; estimated cost is $3,500. Nov. 2 marked the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Victor York; Mr. York is moderator of the church. Mr. Ted Dencher, a converted Jehovah's Witness, spoke in the morning and evening services Nov. 28. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. George Pogue, of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 11. A sacred concert was presented Dec. 16 by the entire student body of the Brethren Elementary School. The church young people sponsored a district youth banquet Dec. 17. Neil Beery, pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. In December the congregation of the First Brethren Church extended Rev. Richard DeArmey a unanimous call to continue as pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. A near-capacity crowd of 700 attended the Mansfield Christian School Christmas program. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

ROLAND HEIGHTS, CALIF. A new Brethren work is being started in the Roland Heights area; Robert McCormick is acting as pastor of the new group.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Pastor John Mayes showed slides of Bethlehem to a capacity crowd of 263

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
South Bend, Ind.	Jan. 20-23	Sherwood Durkee	John Whitcomb
Pompano Beach, Fla.	Jan. 24-26	Gene Witzky	Bill Smith
Riner, Va.	Jan. 30-Feb. 6	Murl Updike	Ron Thompson
Johnson City, Tenn.	Feb. 6-13	K. E. Richardson	Ron Thompson
Modesto, Calif.	Feb. 8-10	J. Paul Miller	Bill Smith
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	Feb. 17-20	G. Lingenfelter	John Whitcomb
Sidney, Ind.	Feb. 20-27	Rollin Sandy	Ron Thompson

WE'RE CONCERNED

By Rev. Bill Smith
Director of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches chose the theme "We're Concerned" as a key to its work and planning for the coming year.

We Are Concerned About the Lost

There is a burning passion within our hearts to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. We are not satisfied just to teach and train but our desire also is that we may be fishers of men.

We Are Concerned About Revival

Revival comes when God's people get right with the Lord and with one another. We are praying and trusting that Brethren men, women, and young people everywhere will be keenly revived and challenged to the great commission of living for and serving Jesus Christ.

We Are Concerned About Churches

When a Brethren church has trouble and there is a division, it affects us all. We are concerned that our churches major on that which is major and not spend so much time on that which is minor. Surely, there is little time for criticism, jealousy, envy, divisions, if the pastor and the people are winning souls to Christ.

We Are Concerned About Your Home

Your church life is a reflection of your home life. You cannot live carelessly, selfishly, and worldly in the home and then come to church and claim everything is fine. In a number of cases I know about, if the home life were different, the other members of the family would be "in Christ." We are concerned as to what you read, what you watch on television, your language, your Christian hospitality, your interest in others.

We Are Concerned About Spiritual Growth

How long has it been since you trusted in Jesus Christ? Don't you think it is time you showed some spiritual growth? Perhaps it is time you quit leaning on others and launched out on your own for the Lord. You are old enough now to volunteer for a Sunday-school class, lead in the visitation program, or do something else which takes spiritual maturity.

We Are Concerned About More Laborers

This seems always to have been a need, but we feel it even more keenly at this time. We need laborers who know how to think, how to make decisions, how to get along with others; laborers who have good common sense and judgment; laborers who are dedicated and concerned. ▼

on Dec. 12. A recent prayer meeting attendance reached 112.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Two golden wedding anniversaries were celebrated by members of the First Brethren Church in December: Mr. and Mrs. William R. Beam, Dec. 21; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Farwell, Dec. 25. Alva Steffler, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Bill Swain, former big league ball player with the Cleveland Indians, is to be guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church Jan. 30. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A special Christmas offering of $4,118.06 was received by the Patterson Park Brethren Church, over half of which was given to missions. The same day the regular church offering exceeded the weekly budget figures. Pastor Nathan Casement wrote in the church's weekly news sheet: "Not only was this the largest offering in the church's history as a single cash offering, but it was also the largest cash missionary offering ever received in one service."

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. An Albuquerque-Taos youth rally held at the Grace Brethren Church here Dec. 17 had a total attendance of 68. Robert Salazar, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BANZHAF, Mary F., 82, a member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., died Nov. 23.
Robert Griffith, pastor.

MONROE, Lilly Maude, died Dec. 1, 23 days after her 96th birthday, at Santa Barbara, Calif. She united with the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles (now Norwalk Brethren Church) in 1911 and served in many offices and auxiliaries of the church until moving to Santa Barbara in her latter years. She was the mother of two living children: Dr. Kenneth Monroe, of Santa Barbara, and Mrs. Conard Sandy of Sacramento, Calif.
Howard Mayes, pastor.

VALDEZ, Mrs. Adelina L., 79, died Monday, Dec. 20. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Robert Salazar, pastor.

BYERS, Mrs. Cora, died Dec. 29. She was a former member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa.
Alva Steffler, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Patricia Jays and Charles Haswell, Nov. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Beverly Leeper and Michael McNally, Dec. 12, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Bette Ruth Hayman and James A. Rupp, Dec. 19, First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

Ruth Martin and William Fraunfelter, Dec. 21, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

POISON!

Obscene Literature



By Nancy Hall

High School Junior
Warsaw, Indiana

(Editor's note: This article was one of the winning entries in a recent contest sponsored by *Young Ambassador*, published by the Good News Broadcasting Association.)

Teen-agers comprise a sizable segment of the popular magazine readership, and, in a large sense, the content of these magazines depends on their reaction. Today's teen-agers are reading up to 75 per cent of the obscene literature being printed! Obviously the publishers will print what they think the readers want.

Like a creeping, deadly infection, pornographic literature is slowly but surely poisoning our land. Paperback novels and magazines are the most widely used media for peddling this filth. It is reported that in 1964 alone, more than 500 million dollars' worth of obscene literature was printed in the United States.

Just as man's physical characteristics are greatly determined by what he eats, so a person's moral nature is shaped by what he reads and thinks. The Bible says, "As he [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). If young people continue to read about marriages that end on the rocks, about adultery, infidelity and illegitimacy, we will end up with a nation of moral delinquents. If teen-agers are fed on a daily diet of filth and corruption found in many popular magazines, the breakdown of our national morals is just around the corner. "First the thought, then the act" is a basic law of human experience.

J. Edgar Hoover, of the F.B.I., states plainly that "sex crimes and obscene and vulgar literature often go hand in hand."

We need only scan the newspapers to find instances involving youthful offenders in which filthy literature played a prominent role by motivating their crimes against society.

A look at recent statistics reflects that crime among those who have not yet reached the age of 18 continues to show a steady increase. Arrests of males for sex offenses rose 4 per cent over 1963, while arrests of girls in the same age bracket increased 7 per cent. Authorities having contact with young offenders assert that there is a link between many crimes of sex and violence, and smut literature.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized this when he said "The surest way to blow up our nation is by indolence and lack of principle."

The story of Sodom in the Bible emphasizes this same fact. Sodom was ruined by moral decay.

Obscene literature will influence its readers and cause them to develop an unfavorable character. This type of literature should be abolished rather than permitting it to poison young people.

Are Christian teens doing anything to help get rid of the trash on the literature market? The trend seems to be to close our eyes to the situation! As Christian teens we should first be very careful about the type of books we buy. Second, we should strongly encourage our friends to choose books that are of good quality. As Christian teens we should write to our congressmen and representatives about this matter. We should also encourage our friends and parents to write.

A group of teens in a town can encourage parents to be so concerned about the local situation that they will survey the local newsstands and bookstores. Then the parents should proceed to take the necessary action to get this literature off the stands.

If Christians join in a united effort, we can help greatly in the abolishment of obscene literature.

May God grant that the day will dawn on this land when poisonous literature will be as rare as poisonous canned meat. Pure food laws are good, but we need pure food for our minds, too. ▼

Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN • • • COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

February 27 Is Evangelism Sunday

THE SPECIAL SUNDAY DESIGNATED FOR EMPHASIZING THE WORK OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Evangelism Sunday, also known as Laymen's Sunday, is observed in many of the churches of our fellowship. This year, Sunday, February 27, is the special day when the work of the Board of Evangelism will be emphasized and a special offering received.

Each church is encouraged to have the laymen take charge of one of the services, with perhaps a special men's chorus formed for the day, or special music by some of the men and a number of testimonies or one of the men bringing a devotional message. Check with your pastor and arrange something special in cooperation with him.

Special hymn book covers have been mailed to each pastor, and these should be placed on the hymnals perhaps a Sunday or two prior to the 27th of February. The covers contain a chorus entitled "Are You Concerned," which was written especially for Evangelism Sunday by Mrs. Robert Collitt . . . be sure to use it in the services of the day.

Over $5,000 was raised by the laymen last year for the work of the Board of Evangelism . . . to assist in evangelistic and soul-winning conferences. Let's join hands this year in presenting the need and giving liberally that this great work might move forward in a mighty way. In the past four months, 57 persons have received Christ as Saviour in board-sponsored meetings. This program deserves our whole-hearted support!

PRAY FOR THESE MEN IN THEIR WORK OF EVANGELISM



Rev. Bill Smith



Rev. Ron Thompson

NEWS

of interest to laymen . . .

FINDLAY, OHIO. The laymen of the Findlay Brethren Church had an attendance of 51 at their Father and Son Banquet held in December. Mr. Charles Frost, local president, was the MC for the occasion. Those taking part in the program included Fred Peters from Ashland, Ohio, Robert Spockey of Jerry City, Ohio, and Mr. Robert Farmer, Sr. The Moody science film "Time and Eternity" was shown. The WMC ladies served as waitresses and provided the decorations. Daniel Eshleman is pastor.



WASHINGTON, D.C. Pictured above is the fine group of men who attended the December meeting of the laymen's group of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington. Gene Burroughs, our reporter, states that 22 men attended, eight of whom were in the church for the first time. Mr. Bert Moller brought the devotions for the meeting. Films of the Maryland University football games were shown by Dick Absher, a local builder. Mr. Ralph Anzivino is president of the group, which meets once a month.

LEON, IOWA. The men of the Leon Brethren Church meet once a month with a varied program planned. The first Sunday of each month the men have charge of a service at the local county home, and they witness and use their talents for the Lord. A father and son banquet was held recently. The group is giving regularly to the national scholarship fund. James Bunch is president, and Oda G. McKern is secretary of the group.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that more young people in the various fields may respond to the call of the Lord, and enter Bible-training schools to prepare themselves for His service.

PRAISE the Lord for the healthy trends revealed in the majority of our Argentine churches, shown through effective evangelistic campaigns, increased giving, and greater vision for missionary work.

PRAY that an expanded ministry through radio broadcasts may be possible in our Spanish-speaking testimony in Puerto Rico.

PRAISE the Lord that a Brethren church has now been officially begun in Mexico City.

PRAY for the continued emphasis of youth evangelism at the Chateau Bible Center in France.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the souls that came to Christ for salvation in crusade meetings this past fall.

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts meetings in Sidney, Indiana and Barberton, Ohio.

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, as he speaks at the home mission workshop in Modesto, California, and the Northwest District conference.

PRAY that the offering on Evangelism Sunday, February 27, will be adequate to carry on this great ministry of evangelism.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the impact of the recent Grace Bible Conference may linger through the rest of the year.

PRAISE God for the successful beginning of the second semester in both schools and for answered prayer in the life of each student who is on campus.

PRAY for direction in the meeting of the seminary and college Executive Committee and Board of Trustees March 4.

PRAISE God for the continued progress on the construction of the new Men's Residence Hall, and pray for its completion by fall of this year.

PRAY for God's direction with respect to the addition of a desperately-needed library building to our campus.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the annual spring Board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council to be held March 7 to 10, 1966.

PRAY for a good financial report at the end of our fiscal year ending March 31, 1966.

PRAY for the eastern home mission workshop to be held March 1, 2, and 3, 1966.

PRAY for the Lord's direction in the possible relocation of two home-mission churches.

PRAY that from the Sunday-school family emphasis a large number of complete families will be reached for each home-mission church in 1966.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that our teachers may teach in an attempt to win every pupil to Christ.

PRAY that every Sunday school may find new prospects.

PRAY that teachers may be willing to improve through training.

PRAY that this year we might reach families for Christ.

PRAY for continual financial support of the work of the National Sunday School Board.

SMM

PRAY that all our Brethren churches will have SMM groups so that our girls will become missionary minded.

PRAY for the girls in their second school semester that they will live moment by moment for their Lord.

PRAY that as our SMM girls memorize their Bible chapters and their Bible verses for each month, the Word will become more precious to them.

WMC

PRAY that as our WMC groups continue to give toward the Christian Education offerings they may be able to meet every promise.

PRAY for the new WMC groups that will be forming throughout this year.

PRAISE the Lord for the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the ladies of our newest church, the Penn Valley Grace Brethren in Souderton, Pennsylvania.

YOUTH

PRAY for those who gave themselves to the Lord during Youth Week.

PRAY that all of our churches will start or continue an effective youth emphasis.

PRAY for our servicemen who are serving both our country and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAY for and praise the Lord for the many committed youth in our churches who are seeking God's will for future service.

PRAY for the ministries of the director and associate during the spring months.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for His gracious provision of over $20,000 in our 1965 publication offering.

PRAY for the journalism conference that is being planned by the Missionary Herald Company to be held at Grace Seminary during March 2 to 4.

PRAY for the joint curriculum committee which will meet March 17 to make plans for the advancement of Brethren Sunday-school publications.

LAYMEN

PRAISE God for the many laymen's groups supporting our projects for this year.

PRAY for the laymen who will be taking part in the services on Evangelism Sunday, February 27, that they will be a blessing and a challenge to everyone.

GRACE BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1966



Proposed New Library for Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary

This building is just the first in a series of projects which will culminate in 1975 at a cost of approximately five million dollars. Pray that God will undertake in a miraculous way during the first phase (1966-1970) of the development program. This campus expansion plan will unquestionably affect the strength and prestige of Christian higher education in our brotherhood and throughout the Midwest far into the future—should our Lord tarry.



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

Operation Library

For two years plans have been in the making for a library building to serve the enlarging student body of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. At present we are endeavoring to adjust so that five hundred students can use the facilities that were designed for one hundred students. This will enable you to realize how impossible our present situation is. For the year 1966-67 we are expecting an increase of fifty or more students. This will only intensify the congestion. By the fall of 1967 we must have a library building ready for occupancy, if these two schools are to experience proper growth and function efficiently. The plans are now completed. They have been approved by the Board of Trustees. And they are now in the hands of the architect for the final finishing touches. Thus the initial phase is complete.

The Fund Raising Phase

In order to get this project off the ground and into orbit, $100,000 must be raised by April 1. This will enable us to begin construction in April. By beginning in April of 1966, we will be able to complete the building for use by August of 1967. Once the project is in operation we feel certain the remaining funds can be raised as they are needed. In the good providence of God a wonderful group of students has been led to Grace Schools for preparation. This, we are certain, has been ordered of God. And when God orders, He also provides. And He makes this provision through His people. This is *a call to Brethren people* to join in raising the necessary funds by April 1 so that construction can begin.

Over and Above Regular Giving

In the launching of this program of giving, it is important to emphasize the fact that this giving must exceed the regular giving for the current operation of the school. The work of the school must go on. Five hundred students depend upon your gifts to speed them on their way to full preparation for that larger ministry to which the Lord has called them. Giving to the current needs of the school never quite meets the needs for efficient operation. Financial aid to students always falls short of what is really needed to enable them to do their best in their studies. These facts force us to make clear that the giving pattern for current needs dare not be reduced, but rather increased, as the Lord's people undertake the library project.

Faculty and Staff Lead the Way

It is impossible to lead a procession from the tail end. And this is just as true in the area of giving. Therefore, as president I seriously considered the matter before the Lord and presented a liberal gift to this project; by His generous provision I will give another by April 1. I then went to the faculty and staff and they responded with amazing generosity. Twenty-eight hundred dollars was pledged by April 1, and it is very likely when all have been reached this sum will go beyond $4000 and perhaps reach $5000. This is the evidence that we believe the need for a library is desperate, and we are willing to do something about it.

From here I went to the student body. There was instant approval. It is our expectation that they will set a goal of at least $10.00 per student, which will bring in another $5000 for the initial phase of this fund-raising campaign.

The campaign has now been launched. It is our hope here at Grace that the enthusiasm for this library will catch hold of your heart and unloose your purse strings. Join the faculty, staff, and students now by sending in your cash gift for this building. Sit down right now in the flush of ardor you feel at the prospect of this new facility on Grace Campus and write that check for this work. Make out the check to the "Grace Library Fund."

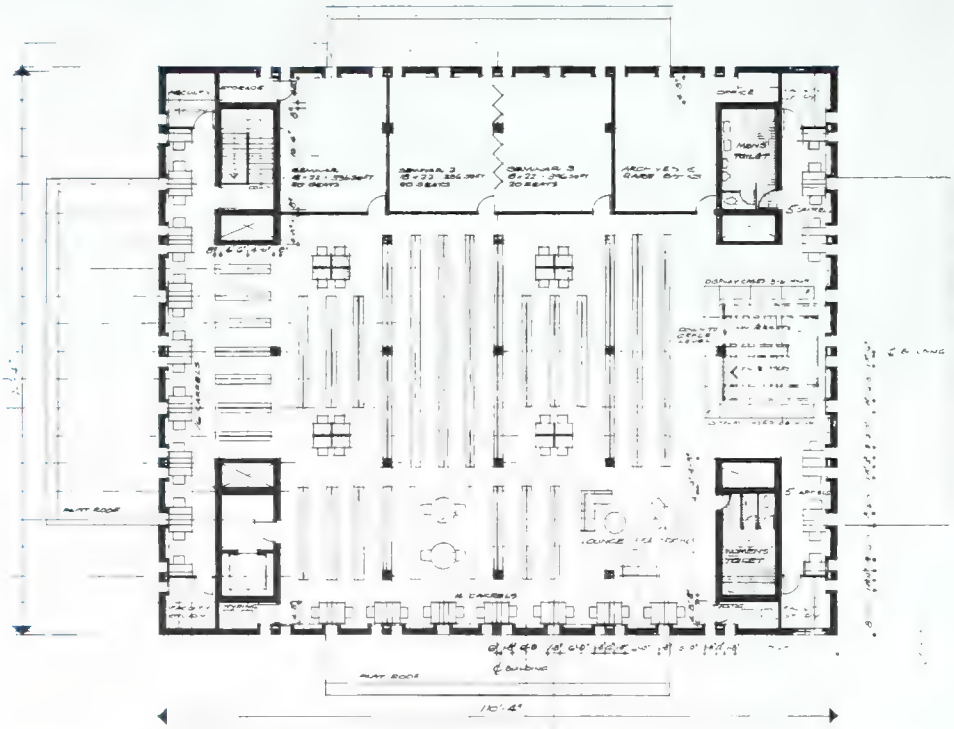
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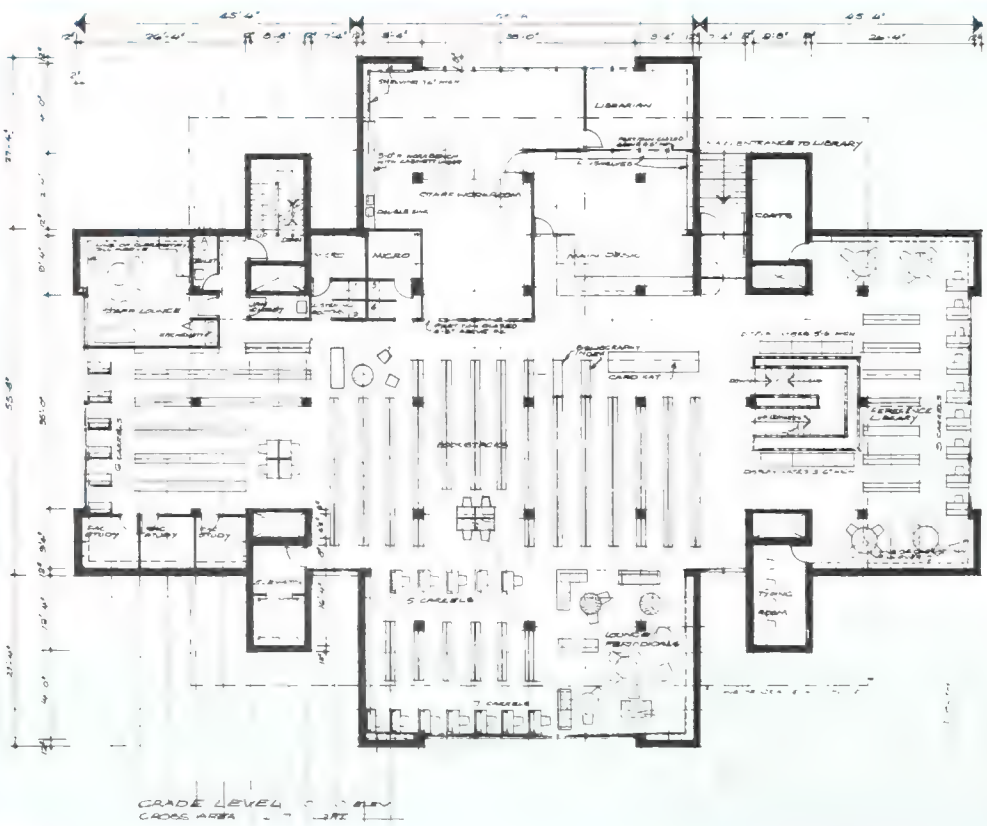
In the face of rising costs and diminishing giving for private colleges, the government of the United States has made financial provision for colleges and universities on the most amazing scale in the Higher Education Act of 1965. Lavish amounts are made available for buildings in grants and loans. However, fear of control has led Brethren to hesitate in utilizing this source of funds. By action of the Executive Committee it was decided that funds should be raised from private sources.

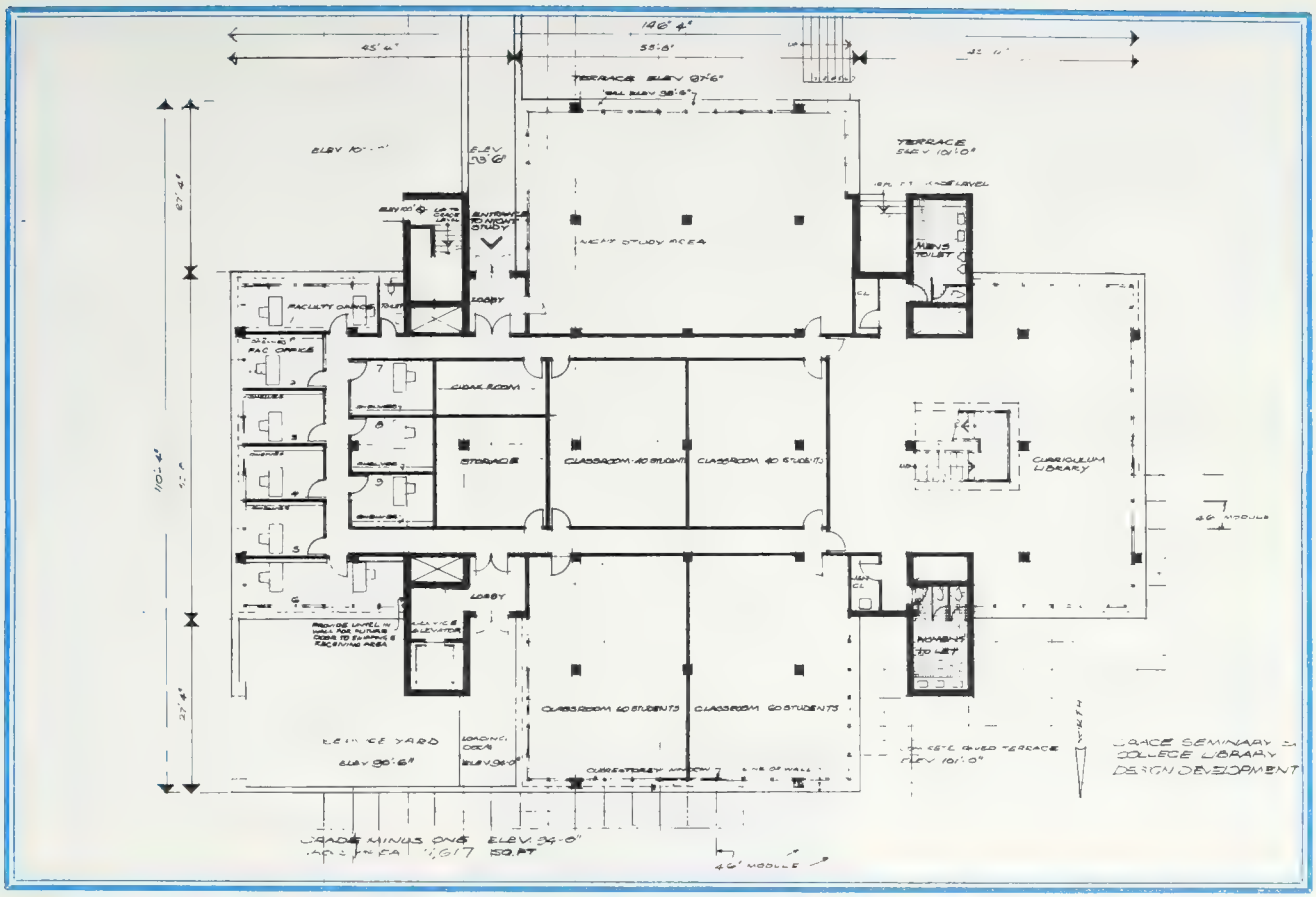
Up to this point, every facility on the campus of Grace Schools has been financed by the Lord's people. And as a result, the school has enjoyed that freedom which its founders desired. It is certain that this same freedom will be ours for the foreseeable future, if this same policy is followed.

Since the library is a non-liquidating administrative building in character, from which there will be no income derived by its use, it is necessary to raise funds in cash to cover the cost. Investment in dormitory facilities brings return in interest because those buildings are income producing. But this is not true of the library. So we must face up to the fact of making cash gifts for construction.

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Description of the Three Levels of the Proposed Library

By Professor E. William Male, Chairman, Building Committee

THE UPPER LEVEL—grade plus one

The top level of the new library-learning center is designed almost exclusively for the use of the graduate School of Theology. The seminary collection of books will be in open stacks, with small study areas scattered throughout. Seminary periodicals will be in a section with lounge-type furniture for casual reading. Two typing rooms, four faculty study carrels, and 40 individual student carrels line the three outside walls. An archives and rare book room, and three seminar rooms will be located along the south wall. Display cases around the staircase will be designed for archeological artifacts and missionary curios.

THE MIDDLE LEVEL—grade level

The main entrance will be on the south side of the middle, or grade level, floor. Here the student will find the index center (including the card catalog), the reference collection, periodicals, and the open stacks for the general collection. Study areas on this floor include small group seating (some with individual desks, others with lounge-type chairs), including study carrels along the outside walls, a typing room, micro-film reading rooms, and facilities for listening to records. The librarian's office, the staff work-room and lounge, and three faculty carrels are also located on this floor.

THE LOWER LEVEL—grade minus one

The curriculum library, the children's literature collection, and an informal class and study area for teacher education students will be located at the west end of this level. A night study room on the south side will be available for study when the rest of the library is closed and may double for class or individual study during the day. Four classrooms are also planned for this level, one to house the new language lab. Faculty office space for ten or twelve teachers is included.

This lower level is designed for flexibility, so that classroom walls may be eliminated and the space given to additional book stacks and study areas as required by the growth of the student body and library collection.

WHY A LIBRARY FOR GRACE?



By Mabel C. Hamilton, Librarian

The casual visitor at Grace might glance at our filled library shelves and go away with a feeling that we have an adequate library. But ask the student who spends valuable hours looking for source materials we cannot supply. Ask the student who sometimes cannot find a place to study at our crowded tables. Ask the professor who must supplement required reading with books from his own library. Above all, ask the library staff who struggle constantly to find just a little more space at which to work or shelve books.

When Grace Seminary moved into the new building in 1951 the library quarters in the west wing seemed adequate for many years to come. When I became librarian the following year (1952), about 6,500 books comprised the entire library. There was no college collection. In fact, there was no Grace College as we now know it.

But the growth of Grace was about to begin. The small collegiate division of Grace Seminary soon became a four-year college with a rapidly-growing student body and an expanding curriculum. The library situation began to change. What had been adequate for 100 to 150 seminary students was very inadequate for our twofold student body. Not only the increase in numbers but also the basic differences in study methods brought problems. We had the problem of running two separate libraries in one room. Both the college and seminary collections grew. Gradually the bookshelves filled, and the staff area was moved from the main library to an adjoining classroom to make way for additional shelves. Little by little some reading areas gave way to more shelving.

We continued to grow until the seminary sacrificed still another classroom to us several years ago. Bookshelves were installed, and tables and chairs were added to make a reading room for seminary students who were being crowded out of the main library by sheer force of numbers in our growing college.

When we again felt the pressure of more books and students, we did not have another room into which to expand. We did not dare take more table space for book shelves, so we resorted to another method of acquiring space in spite of the problems it made. We fastened book ends to the top of the shelves and put books up there, although they are out of reach of many students. We also adjusted the shelves just as close as possible to care for average size books. This gives us a problem with oversize books, which we often must take from their logical location and put someplace else. Finding these "out-of-place" volumes sometimes proves time-consuming to both students and staff.

Last year, feeling the pinch again, we began weeding our shelves. Duplicate sets, earlier editions, rarely-used books, and so forth have been packed and stored in the basement until we have a new library. Many hundreds of books and periodicals are now stored and unavailable to either students or faculty. We now have approximately 35,000 volumes catalogued. We will continue our present policy of cataloguing new books and storing away older books until we get our new facilities. Right now we need another storage room in the basement!

Why a new library? What will it contain? All educators realize the importance of proper facilities for study and research. Those who visit our campus from time to time to evaluate our progress toward accreditation see our library inadequacies immediately. In addition to the crowded conditions under which we try to work, there are those things now accepted as integral parts of learning which we cannot develop in our present quarters. We have no place for microfilm facilities, although a senior class has already given us a reader and some film. We have no facilities for listening to tapes and records, no typing rooms for copying materials from reference sources, and a very inadequate periodical corner.

The new library which we must have, if we hope to see our college and seminary grow, will solve these problems which we now face. It will have adequate facilities for both the college and seminary book collections to expand. There will be plenty of seating for both formal study and relaxed reading. There will be listening rooms, typing rooms, storage for rare books and Brethren archives, seminar rooms, adequate work area for the staff, and all the other things that will make for an efficient library operation. This library will do much to help us gain the accreditation we want for our school. ▼

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS MONEY

What is money? A sign you often see today reads, "Time is money." Unger's Bible Dictionary explains money under "metrology," which is the science of weights and measures. In the very early state of civilization, man found the necessity for some kind of money. Down through the ages systems of measuring values have brought us to the place where today we think of money mostly in terms of dollars and cents.

What is a Christian? It will suffice here to state that a Christian is one who has received Christ and has become a son of God by faith (John 1:12).

Now what about the Christian and his money? Let us consider the Christian and his time as money, his treasures of money, and the tithes of his money.

The Christian's Time Is Money

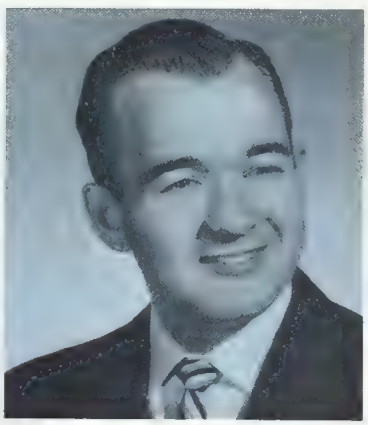
Most of us get our money by exchanging our time for a certain amount of money, which in turn we exchange for the goods and services of this world. I dare say that there are more people guilty of sinning in this type of exchange than we can imagine, Christians included. When one accepts a job or responsibility for a certain wage, there is in essence a contract or covenant between him and his employer. The employee is supplying a certain number of hours, or offers to perform certain services for the wages agreed upon. How often do we as employees consider how we might give the most for the compensation received? In the Scriptures we are instructed toward honesty and righteousness, to do our best for God! This includes doing our best for our employer whether he be Christian or not.

The time we give our employer is truly money to him. We certainly expect to get every penny of our wages, and on schedule. If our employer were to give us our wages in a form that proved faulty or short of the full measure, you may be sure we would expect an adjustment. However, when we as employees give time or services which prove to be faulty, ineffective or of short value, do we make this right? Too often we have little or no concern about how much value we really give those who employ us.

The Scriptures tell us to redeem the time. It is bad enough to steal time from the world; what blessing will there be for a man in the Lord's work who steals and uses his time unwisely for God? I'm sure none of us would take a dollar out of the collection, but how many take time that belongs to God? Time is money!

His Treasures of Money

God has much to say in His Word about treasures of money and possessions here on this earth. The parable of the rich man in Luke 12 illustrates how not to store up treasures. Most of us would probably think, "Oh, this doesn't apply to me! I don't have any great riches." However, let us think for a moment about our treasures or possessions.



By Russel H. Dunlap

Business Manager

The multitude of people on earth today are in poverty that we cannot imagine. The vast majority of the members of The Brethren Church have at least one car, some household possessions, their own home, and some savings or securities in the form of life insurance, savings accounts and/or stocks and bonds. Yes, most of us have more assets or treasures than we first think. The Brethren Investment Foundation reported in Long Beach, California, last August that they have on deposit over $4,000,000 in savings and investments, which we assume is mainly from Brethren people. I'm sure this represents only a small portion of the total wealth of the Brethren people.

Despite all the possessions and wealth we have as a people, most of us are striving for greater possessions. We want bigger and nicer cars, TV sets, houses, and bank accounts. We get concerned about our ability to meet all the financial obligations we find ourselves under. I'm sure you will agree that the treasures we have here on earth do not bring lasting satisfaction, nor will any treasures we are able to accumulate during this life.

Then why do not more of us completely entrust our treasures into God's care for His use? "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). When this accounting is made, will we rejoice in what God has to say concerning our treasures here on earth?

As Christians, "we live, and move and have our being" in Christ. God knows and promises to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Let me give you a personal illustration. When our family was faced with the decision as to whether or not to accept a call to become business manager for Grace Seminary and College at a major reduction in salary, it took us six weeks to decide to trust God with our personal needs and follow Him. Most of the delay was related to the financial question. I'm sure He will say to us concerning our anxiety in making the decision, "Oh, ye of little faith!" However, we thank God for His patience with us and can testify that He has kept His promise.

The Tithe of His Money

Once we are redeemed, we have been bought with the price of our Saviour's blood. In light of this, it seems almost strange that we should

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What Does It Mean To Be Physically Fit?

Like streaks of white writing in the sky,
Banners for physical fitness fly high.
Cereal boxes, newspapers, and TV tell all,
"Get trim!" "Get Vim" to be really on the ball.
But I said to myself, "What's the matter with me?
Am I too fat, too weak, too lazy; or could it be
That there are some things I've been neglecting;
Some important things I've been rejecting?"
And then, like a flash, I discovered it!
What it really means to be physically fit!

To be physically fit does not mean spending hours each day in vigorous calisthenics, in rigorous games with the children, or in walking to town for groceries. All these things are excellent for fitness, but are often impossible for the busy homemaker, secretary, schoolteacher, or preacher. What, then, is physical fitness? Physical fitness is a state of being—being able to meet each activity of the day with ease, and then to have a little extra energy for the evening activities or some emergency which may arise.

When you awake in the morning, do you feel fresh and eager to start the day? Or do you drag out of bed, wishing you could stay there a little longer? Perhaps getting to bed an hour earlier at night would give you the strength you need for the day ahead. And how about meal time; do you eat three square meals a day? Or do you skip a meal or two trying to lose a few pounds, just to discover yourself munching on snacks between meals or late at night? It is much bettter to "cut down" than to "cut out." Eat three meals, but eat smaller portions of everything. For instance, instead of the fried eggs, bacon, large glass of juice, several pieces of toast and two cups of coffee for breakfast, just try one cup of coffee, one soft boiled egg, one-half piece of toast, and a small glass of juice. Do the same for lunch and supper. And remember that everything you eat after six o'clock in the evening stays with you through the night and will put on more weight than what you eat all day.

An important part of being physically fit, in addition to proper rest and good nutrition, is to keep active—not just busy around the house or office, but physically active all day in many ways. Start off the day with some good stretching and bending before breakfast. Throughout the day remember to stand up straight; pull in those abdominal muscles and hold them tight for at least 6 seconds. Do this every time you think of it or each time you go through a doorway. You'll be surprised and pleased if you're faithful with this, for after a



By Yvonne Messner

Director of
Women's Physical Education

month or so you'll be two to three inches thinner around the waist. Speaking of this type of exercise, which is properly called Isometric exercise, there are some other simple ones which you can do almost any time of day. They are as follows:

(1) Push your hands together as hard as possible.

(2) Put your hands behind or in front of your head and exert opposite pressure.

(3) Try to push walls over (we hope you don't succeed).

(4) Squeeze various objects, such as a small rubber ball.

(5) Push or pull with the hands or feet against any immovable object. For instance, a secretary may push down on a chair while sitting on it, or pull up grasping the sides of the seat. Both will strengthen the arms and back.

Do any of these exercises six to ten seconds a day and you will discover new strength and vigor.

Children also must have plenty of rest, good food, and exercise. Our schools are concerned about the fitness of American youth and are doing a great job in this regard. A recent newspaper article said that our children aren't "softies" any more. Compared to the youth of 1958, a 12-year-old boy now can throw a softball 10 feet farther, do 19 more sit-ups, and run the 50-yard dash in shorter time. Girls are more fit, too. These were conclusions of a recent University of Michigan study financed through a grant from the U.S. Office of Education. There are also more and better physical education teachers at work now, and there has been an increase in the number of elementary schools which have gymnasiums and physical education programs.

The philosophy concerning physical fitness and body efficiency is well defined in a booklet entitled "Your Child's Health and Fitness" available from the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Washington, D. C. One section of this pamphlet is assigned to the question, "What Can Parents Do?" Dr. Charles Bucher of New York University offers the following practical suggestions:

(1) See that children get proper rest, medical care, nutrition, fresh air, exercise and other essentials to physical fitness.

(2) Buy toys that give children a good physical workout as well as fun. For the next gift, why not purchase

a horizontal bar that fits in a doorway. Then encourage each child to chin himself before passing through.

(3) Equip the basement or backyard with climbing ropes, a trapeze, badminton net, deck tennis or table tennis equipment, balance beam, turning bar, tether ball equipment, and the like.

(4) Involve the youngsters in a work schedule around the house which includes mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, and other jobs which provide healthful physical activity.

(5) Insist that the children either walk or ride their bicycles to school and other places if the distance is not more than one or two miles.

(6) Arrange for more physical activities where Mom and Dad and all the kids go hiking, camping, bowling, swimming, roller skating, or ice skating together, especially in the outdoors.

You have often heard it said that "the family that prays together, stays together." It has been paraphrased to say that "the family that plays together, stays together."

Christ said in Luke 9 that to be fit for the kingdom, we must follow Him. In His human life, Jesus Christ was the supreme example of fitness. He slept well, ate well, and lived an active life in the outdoors. He traveled hundreds of miles on foot, stopping occasionally for a refreshing drink from a well. He rose up early and often ate breakfast on the beach with the fishermen. Have you ever pictured our Lord as obese, as repeatedly tired and worn? No, in daily activities He took care of His body, while diligently doing the will of the Father.

Our bodies are the dwelling places of the Holy Spirit. What kind of home have you prepared for Him? We are also admonished in the Scriptures to give our bodies to the Lord as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. Can we give less than the best to Him? In the Old Testament a perfect lamb was required, one without blemish. How much more we should want to keep our bodies in perfect physical condition so that we might be well pleasing unto Him. Yes, Christian, keep yourself physically fit, fit for the Master's use. ▼

The Christian . . .

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not want to give God at least a tithe of the things with which He blesses us.

It seems clear in the New Testament that the tithe is considered a gift rather than an obligation to be paid. When we present a gift, it usually means we no longer have control over its use. There seems to be a temptation many times to want to present a gift and then control its use to meet some need or desire that suits our own interest. I wonder sometimes if this is right, to use our gifts to God, which then belong to Him, to meet our own needs or interest. It seems that if these needs are according to His will and purpose, He will supply them.

Walter B. Knight once wrote: "Said an English nobleman just before death: 'What I spent I had; what I kept, I lost; what I gave, I have!' "

Are you receiving your share of blessings? ▼

Our President . . .

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God Is Able To Make All Grace Abound

At a time when we are called upon to go beyond the usual in our giving, we need the encouragement of the Lord. It is most amazing that some of the most precious passages of the Scripture are attached to the grace of giving. This is true of chapters 8 and 9 of II Corinthians. Paul was raising an offering for the poor saints at Jerusalem. So he wrote to the Corinthian believers: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. . . . For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. . . . Wherefore shew ye . . . the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf. . . . But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 8:9, 12, 24; 9:6-8). ▼

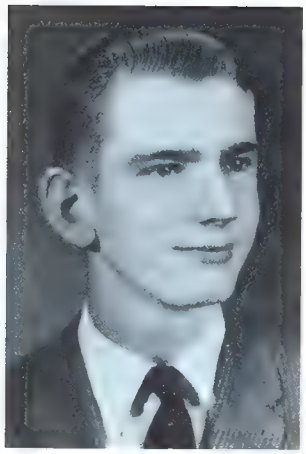
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By Richard Woodring
Grace College Student Body President

STUDENT THOUGHT AND OPINION

"Grace is not just another college. Its unique purpose is the preparation of Christian young people for effective service for Christ through whatever vocations they may choose." The Grace College Catalog makes this statement, but what do the students think of this? Let's see!

On the Grace campus you will find an administration building, a classroom building, a music and art building, a gymnasium, and a residence hall with dining facilities. Now a new residence hall is being built and a new library will soon be taking shape. But do these buildings make the college?

The buildings are empty shells that need to be filled. They are filled —with nearly four hundred Christian young people and a dedicated Christian faculty. This is Grace! And you will find one prevailing thought— "To know Christ and to make Him known." It is seen in each area of life here.

Academically, we are here to prepare for a life vocation. Some plan to be teachers, some to be preachers, some to be missionaries, and some to be in various other vocations. Some come to get a Christian background before going to a highly specialized school.

Each class is begun with prayer as we seek the guidance of the Lord in our pursuit of knowledge. Our daily assignments, our research papers, our tests, our collateral reading, and each additional phase of our academic life become a part of the clay with which our lives are molded. Education with a Christ-centered philosophy really makes a difference.

Laughter and fellowship illustrate our social life. A wide variety of events appeals to the taste of all. You will find numerous banquets, an artist series presenting famous personalities, Homecoming, picnics, parties, and Sadie Hawkins Day in which the tables are turned and the girls pamper the boys. These activities provide good Christian entertainment for the students.

Basketball games, baseball games, tennis matches, golf matches, track meets, and cross-country meets provide more interests for us, whether we are the participants or merely the spectators. Intramural sporting events allow everyone to have a good time in recreation.

Lasting friendships are developed —friendships that could not be developed under another atmosphere. Christian fellowship makes the bond of friendship a lasting one. Perhaps it should be mentioned that the victory bell rings at times other than after a basketball game.

Reference was made to the atmosphere at Grace. What is so special about our atmosphere? It is a Christian atmosphere—seeking to bring us closer to the Lord. The ingredients of this special "air" are dedicated faculty members, dedicated Christian students, and Christ himself.

Each day we meet for our chapel service. This time is always different and provides another step in growth for us. Weekly church services at the church of our choice are an integral part of Christian life here. Various Christian service activities help us and others also. The annual missionary conference and the Bible conference give numerous blessings and are often the scene of lasting decisions for service.

Daily devotions are the basic groundwork for any solid Christian life. Each week the fellows meet together and the girls meet together for their own small prayer meeting. Here on a very personal basis the students get to know each other better and grow closer to the Lord. At any time we can stop and talk to others about what He means to us, and share our blessings with others. He is our life.

Grace College is a Christian liberal arts school, but it is not heaven. No liberal arts school, no Bible school, and no seminary is heaven on earth. You only get what you are seeking. With Christ here, we have a great school and we shall make an impact for His glory.

Grace is growing, but it needs help—your help. Young people are here preparing for service for the Lord. They want to know that you are behind them, supporting and encouraging them. Will they get the support and encouragement they seek? Only you can answer the question. Can you—and will you? ▼



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New FMS Film Premieres In Washington, D. C.



From the Editor's Desk

By Dr. Kinsell D. Somers

We are sure you will rejoice that the total offering for Brethren Foreign Missions in 1965 was $498,358.62. This was an increase of $15,147.49 over the 1964 offering—just about a 3 per cent increase. Even greater news is that in the general fund we spent approximately $10,000 less than the budget which was set up for 1965. Our total income over total expenditures was $53,263.86. We can only praise God, and thank all of you fine people.

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The so-called "foreign missions season" (February through May) is here again. This is not a season that is exclusively "foreign missions," but it is the season when we make our most direct presentations and appeal.

This is not the time to live in the thrill of any past victories. The unevangelized masses of the earth increase by at least three million per year. Our past victories have not been sufficient that we can cease in the work. Greater things—yes, the greatest things—are yet ahead. Our missionaries are saying that our present missionary force needs to be doubled or tripled. Then there are some very inviting areas of the world that could well become our eighth, ninth, and tenth mission fields. To send out the several new families who have presented themselves, to supply the housing, the automobiles for transportation, the literature, the radio broadcasts—these and many more opportunities will require at least $600,000 in 1966, and we could use from $750,000 to one million dollars, and not use a single dollar carelessly. Let's ask God for great things and then undertake great things for Him.

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Our thanks should go personally to many people. Especially do we want to commend Mr. Don Sterrenburg of Lakewood, California, for the fine art work he has supplied for us during the past two years. For the new sound, color film mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Phil Landrum gave great amounts of editorial and script preparation. We desire to thank him.

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Missionary conferences are in full swing again with one missionary team on the West Coast and one team in the East. Our great problem just now is to supply enough foreign missionaries to participate in as many missionary conferences as are desired. If you want to know about the missionary conference plan, talk with a pastor who has had one. At the time this is being written, the FMS dinner meetings are being held in the various districts. Comments have been most encouraging.

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The midyear meeting of the FMS Board of Trustees will begin its sessions in the offices at Winona Lake on Monday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. There will be many important items for consideration. Please be much in prayer for these meetings.

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We have more candidates than in some years past, but we need many, many more. With the larger offerings of recent years, we are ready to give favorable consideration to candidates. With the total support plan—by which congregations underwrite missionary support—now over 80 per cent complete, and with the outfit club plan by which thousands of our people purpose to give at least one dollar toward the going to the field of each candidate family, great progress can be rightfully expected. We are now ready, or soon will be ready, to say to any new approvable candidate family for an area in which or to which our board has felt led: "All right, you can go—as soon as your training is complete and you have your total support and outfit funds." ▼



COVER

A film is born. But the big night comes when it has its world premiere. Read about "Dateline: Argentina" and its premiere showing in Washington, D.C. Comments on the film from the first-night audience are also included. (Cover by Phil Landrum.)

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"Puts flesh and blood into the Argentine story . . ."—*Miss Patricia Simmons.*



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"A closeup introduction to the Argentine Christians"—*Dr. W. A. Ogden.*

Down in the South American country of Argentina, a group of faithful Christian workers and missionaries daily work at the ambitious task of winning their country to Christ.

How to tell their story? For those who worked on the project, there was only one answer: focus on the Argentine workers themselves. Follow them into their schools, churches, machine shops, and so forth.

The result was "Dateline: Argentina," a report on the continuing story of the Christian workers in the Land of the Pampas. The full color film shows actual interviews of Argentine nationals, and allows the people of The Brethren Church to see and listen to these South American leaders.

Already the film is being received well all across the U.S. from Washington, D.C., to Oregon. Rave comments term the film "dramatic," "good," "excellent," and the statement was made, "It tells you what you want to know."

Premiere night was held in the First Brethren Church, Washington, D.C. An enthusiastic crowd welcomed the Brethren Foreign Missions' film. Some comments were:

"The pictures are excellent, and the subject matter is good. This will give our people a closeup introduction to the Argentine Christians and the manner of their work" (Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the Washington First Brethren Church and also a board member of the FMS).

"It puts flesh and blood into the Argentine story. . . . Prayer interest is bound to be more realistic as a result of the film, and, I think, more sympathetic" (Miss Patricia Simmons, formerly chairman of the church's missions committee).

"The film is dramatic. It really gives you a feeling of having been there. It answers your questions and helps you to become involved" (Mrs. Pam Kingsbury, current chairman of the church's missions committee).

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Interest continues to hold up as the film is shown across the country. If you would like this film shown in your church, write to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ▼

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(First Brethren Church Photos)

The Africans Said . . .

Merci, Merci, Merci

Yes, we have returned safely once again to our field of labor in Africa. We do thank the Lord. This time it has been a little different because there were four of us instead of only two. While we were on furlough the Lord gave us darling twins.

I must say that this trip was a little harder than former ones. From Paris on, the plane was very crowded, and there were many children. The hour and a half wait in the plane at Marseille due to fog was especially difficult as it was so warm. All the children presented quite a non-melodic chorus. We were very happy to get our feet on the ground at Bangui, Africa.

Fellow missionaries and some African pastors met us at the airport. Our twins did a lot of looking around. John cried twice at the new faces when the twins' new friends approached too quickly. Now that we are at Bossangoa John smiles at the Africans and cries when missionaries come to see us. Joyce has taken to French bread. She would eat a whole loaf if we would let her.

The Africans were very warm in their greetings. Most of them said, "Merci, merci, merci." This, of course, means "Thanks." Thank God, you have returned among us.

Many of you remember Pastor Simon-Pierre Nambozouina. When he came to greet us, it warmed our hearts to hear him say with a voice of sincerity in clear English, "Thank you for coming back."

The people here do want our help. There is much work that still needs to be done among them. Pray for us as we get into the work again. Pray for the many classes and conferences we hope to have this coming year.

Beverley Garber



The Garbers (Martin, John, Joyce, Beverley) are back in Africa. In their distinctive manner, they tell about their exciting return. (Photo by Shoob's, Modesto, Calif.)

Our flight from San Francisco to Bangui, Africa, seemed to be a long one even though only 20 hours of flying time was involved. It was broken into three laps with a ten-day layover in Winona Lake and a 12-hour wait in Paris. Two ten-month-old babies plus diaper bags, baby food, stroller, and so forth, proved a little different from guitars, cameras, and portable tape recorder, but the compensations are immensely greater!

We arrived in Bossangoa, C.A.R., on the fifth of November. These past weeks have been busy with getting settled, working on the well, overhauling the light plant, welding broken chassis on mission vehicles, holding conferences with local pastors, preaching in various churches on Sundays, and planning a program of activities for the coming year.

Plans for 1966 include conferences for more than ten church districts of this area to stimulate interest and to give instruction to the churches and church leaders in such things as personal and village evangelism, the development of weaker churches, Sunday-school teachers' training, boys', girls', men's and women's programs in local churches, and special classes for pastors.

We covet the prayers of God's people in the homeland that in all our planning we may be led by the Holy Spirit. We know that the Lord will bring forth fruit to His glory as we walk in close fellowship with Christ.

Yes, here we are again in Central Africa. We, too, are happy that God has sent us back. We know that not only are we God's ambassadors, but we are also your representatives—you who have made it possible for us to return.

We thank you for your hospitality extended to us while on furlough. Thank you for sending us back. ▼

Martin Garber



We Do Things Differently Today

Methods of communications are changing rapidly, especially in the vital field of audio-visuals. (Phil Landrum photo)

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

A changing world . . . changing methods . . . this is the normal development.

It is no different in foreign missions.

Once the mission compound was the center of activity on the field. Foreign influences were seen in the type of buildings erected. Often dozens, even hundreds of people were employed by the mission, and the bills were paid with foreign capital. Missionaries did the preaching and pastored the churches.

But the idea of the mission compound is passe. Today's challenge for the missionary is to train the nationals of the country to go out and reach their own people for Christ. The identity of the mission is not lost, but more and more the national church is being taught to evangelize and train its own.

The impact of communications is increasing. Radios are found in the far parts of the world, and transmitters are beaming the Gospel to the remotest sections, including those areas behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. In Argentina especially, Brethren Foreign Missions has an excellent radio ministry. Sound films are being used to preach the Gospel, a modern means of evangelization which fascinates the nationals and brings them out in large numbers.

Brethren printing presses are piling up thousands of pages annually proclaiming the message of Christ. Missionaries are concerned not only with printing the message, but also with training the nationals to write and produce the materials. Bookstores and distribution programs are just as important to getting the Word out. Bookstores have been established in Argentina, Africa, Brazil, and Mexico. On other fields our missionaries cooperate with Christian bookstores. In France a bookmobile has become almost indispensable to the work of literature distribution.

Medical missions techniques are undergoing change. In the Central African Republic, Christians are being trained to help their own people meet the medical and dental needs. Two doctors and one dentist, as well as a number of nurses, are occupied in the endeavor. Very recently a dental building was completed on the medical center station at Boguila.

Modern techniques—yes, but the workers are still preachers and teachers of the Word.

The heart of missions today still remains: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And one thing more remains the same: the importance of the individual worker. Someone has said, "God buries His workers but His work goes on." One generation passes from the scene, but another rises to assume responsibility in proclaiming the good news of salvation; the message does not change. Brethren Foreign Missions still knows the challenge: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There must be a continual stream of workers going to the field to proclaim this message. At least four couples are needed in France. A minimum of 25 persons is needed in Africa to maintain the current program and launch out for the future. Two to four couples could easily be used in the work in Argentina and Brazil. And others are needed if we are to open new fields of endeavor for the Lord. While these workers are needed *now,* surely this number should be the minimum requirement as we look forward to a ten-year program culminating with our diamond jubilee anniversary year, 1975.

Each Christian is important! Not just the missionaries on the seven fields, but every member of The Brethren Church . . . working through increased prayer, increased giving, increased dedication to go! We must not be just a "missionary-minded church." And missions must not be just a department of the church: it must be the very life of the church! The decision to enter into God's worldwide program or not to enter is not left with the individual Christian. His decision is whether he will obey the great commission to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ."

True, methods are different. But the message and the responsibility are still the same! ▼

ANNUAL OFFERING REPORT

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS

JANUARY 1, 1965 TO DECEMBER 31, 1965

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	$ 290.00
Aleppo, Pa.	521.64
Grafton, W. Va.	157.03
Jenners, Pa.	1,467.38
Listie, Pa.	1,716.26
Meyersdale, Pa.	4,122.34
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	440.66
Parkersburg, W. Va.	517.19
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	231.25
Uniontown, Pa.	2,432.65
Washington, Pa.	1,330.27
Westernport, Md.	60.66
	$ 13,287.33

EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First)	$ 1,622.36
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	2,614.85
Conemaugh, Pa.	3,048.92
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	4,966.08
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	1,901.39
Duncansville, Pa.	2,081.97
Everett, Pa.	2,056.45
Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	2,302.00
Hopewell, Pa.	410.45
Jefferson Center, Pa.	168.17
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,407.58
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	422.71
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	535.25
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	6,419.98
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	336.63
Martinsburg, Pa.	5,093.07
East District, Misc.	850.00
	$ 41,237.86

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	$ 3,370.52
Fort Myers, Fla.	300.64
Margate, Fla.	664.85
Orlando, Fla.	128.70
Pompano Beach, Fla.	850.14
St. Petersburg, Fla.	66.00
	$ 5,380.85

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	$ 6,206.62
Clay City, Ind.	352.00
Elkhart, Ind.	2,968.93
Flora, Ind.	2,330.60
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	6,169.91
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	918.64
Goshen, Ind.	559.86
Indianapolis, Ind.	68.00
Kokomo, Ind.	532.57
Leesburg, Ind.	1,400.95
Osceola, Ind.	8,256.59
Peru, Ind.	1,315.05
Sellersburg, Ind.	155.98
Sidney, Ind.	880.23
South Bend, Ind.	3,242.16
Warsaw, Ind.	3,033.57
Wheaton, Ill.	2,036.99
Winona Lake, Ind.	7,125.56
Indiana District, Misc.	85.00
	$ 47,639.21

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$ 238.84
Dallas Center, Iowa	3,802.25
Davenport, Iowa	664.60
Des Moines, Iowa	109.32
Garwin, Iowa	1,862.74
Leon, Iowa	861.47
North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	206.90
Waterloo, Iowa	5,015.65
Winona, Minn.	302.25
Iowa District, Misc.	155.07
	$ 13,219.09

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	$ 556.47
Berrien Springs, Mich.	183.00
Hastings, Mich.	146.62
Jackson, Mich.	224.25
Lake Odessa, Mich.	1,085.18
Lansing, Mich.	388.60
New Troy, Mich.	1,768.50
Ozark, Mich.	275.06
	$ 4,627.68

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	$ 653.84
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	2,413.93
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	721.93
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	5,492.22
Martinsburg, W. Va.	898.50
Seven Fountains, Va.	45.00
Washington, D.C. (First)	3,356.75
Washington, D.C. (Grace)	405.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	5,653.03
Winchester, Va.	3,098.34
Mid-Atlantic District, Misc.	16.57
	$ 22,755.11

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	$ 213.30
Arvada, Colo.	235.39
Beaver City, Neb.	95.75
Cheyenne, Wyo.	1,053.38
Cuba, N. Mex.	190.00
Denver, Colo.	1,056.57
Portis, Kan.	2,954.60
Taos, N. Mex.	295.09
	$ 6,094.08

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Allentown, Pa.	$ 1,598.30
Elizabethtown, Pa.	1,185.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	2,887.00
Hatboro, Pa.	890.85
Hatfield, Pa.	360.00
Lancaster, Pa.	2,100.77
Manheim, Pa.	808.14
Palmyra, Pa.	1,038.50
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	7,604.42
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	5,063.94
Stratford, N. J.	55.00
York, Pa.	1,617.17
Northern Atlantic District, Misc.	53.00
	$ 25,262.09

NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Chico, Calif.	$ 153.27
Grass Valley, Calif.	84.58

Modesto, Calif. (Community)	170.00
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	10,956.85
Sacramento, Calif.	275.79
San Jose, Calif.	286.95
Tracy, Calif.	888.49
Nor-Cal District, Misc.	20.00
	$ 12,835.93

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	$ 764.30
Akron, Ohio (First)	3,918.68
Ankenytown, Ohio	1,939.84
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	5,225.12
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	2,551.70
Canton, Ohio	1,869.72
Cleveland, Ohio	1,524.42
Columbus, Ohio	592.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1,780.41
Danville, Ohio	393.00
Elyria, Ohio	644.26
Findlay, Ohio	1,322.71
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	2,901.43
Galion, Ohio	288.09
Homerville, Ohio	1,295.86
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	10,339.10
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	1,701.35
Middlebranch, Ohio	7,119.12
Norton Village, Ohio	472.52
Rittman, Ohio	4,811.78
Sterling, Ohio	1,389.76
Wooster, Ohio	16,737.80
Northern Ohio District, Misc.	475.94
	$ 70,058.91

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Ore.	$ 1,285.30
Beaverton, Ore.	80.00
Bothell, Wash.	101.23
Grandview, Wash.	1,556.45
Harrah, Wash.	1,789.90
Kent, Wash.	384.93
Portland, Ore.	672.69
Spokane, Wash.	250.74
Sunnyside, Wash.	5,862.30
Toppenish, Wash.	703.99
Yakima, Wash.	831.25
Northwest District, Misc.	167.28
	$ 13,686.06

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Boones Mill, Va.	$ 75.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,086.37
Covington, Va.	2,280.29
Hollins, Va.	1,533.50
Johnson City, Tenn.	393.36
Limestone, Tenn.	1,543.10
Radford, Va.	159.29
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	587.45
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	225.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,209.05
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	597.62
Virginia Beach, Va.	204.46
Willis, Va.	20.14
	$ 10,914.63

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT

Anaheim, Calif.	$ 571.00
Arlington, Calif.	729.80
Artesia, Calif.	105.03
Beaumont, Calif.	3,631.00
Bell, Calif.	1,043.91
Bellflower, Calif.	3,473.60
Compton, Calif.	2,630.20
Fillmore, Calif.	887.04
Gardena, Calif.	482.41
Glendale, Calif.	1,172.27
Glendora, Calif.	194.60
Grand Terrace, Calif.	796.70
Inglewood, Calif.	4,055.25
La Habra, Calif.	4,437.33
La Puente, Calif.	400.00
La Verne, Calif.	1,083.96
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	1,120.08
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	27,677.78
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	3,821.55
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	21,780.82
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	1,254.49
Montclair, Calif.	790.53
Norwalk, Calif.	5,093.27
Phoenix, Ariz.	2,072.31
Rialto, Calif.	1,133.28
San Bernardino, Calif.	800.56
San Diego, Calif.	319.01
Seal Beach, Calif.	5,502.62
Simi, Calif.	270.57
South Gate, Calif.	1,525.91
South Pasadena, Calif.	300.00
Temple City, Calif.	566.17
Tucson, Ariz.	603.01
West Covina, Calif.	604.33
Westminster, Calif.	1,659.28
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	6,690.96
Whittier, Calif. (First)	3,877.26
Southern California-Arizona District, Misc.	488.72
	$113,646.61

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Brookville, Ohio	$ 640.78
Camden, Ohio	253.02
Clayhole, Ky.	171.95
Clayton, Ohio	2,339.06
Covington, Ohio	45.38
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	1,077.02
Dayton, Ohio (First)	13,059.91
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	969.77
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	783.71
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	8,127.07
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	2,739.90
Dryhill, Ky.	98.82
Englewood, Ohio	5,566.98
Kettering, Ohio	666.99
Sinking Springs, Ohio	45.65
Trotwood, Ohio	425.07
Troy, Ohio	1,374.83
Vandalia, Ohio	903.00
West Alexandria, Ohio	480.15
Southern Ohio District, Misc.	80.00
	$ 39,849.06

MISCELLANEOUS

Akron, Ohio (Hillwood Chapel)	$ 295.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Co.	200.00
Cameron, W. Va.	25.00
Grace College and Seminary	1,299.63
Hawaii	955.33
National Laymen	86.22
National Miscellaneous	25,052.78
National SMM	1,199.57
National WMC	15,413.59
North English, Iowa (Calvary)	300.00
Puerto Rico	37.00
Irvin L. Young Foundation	13,000.00
	$ 57,864.12

Total Gifts to F.M.S. $498,358.62

Whom Shall I Send?

. . . here am I; send me

Isaiah 6:8

A missionary and a Christian ought to be one and the same.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the Great Commission.

Missionaries: The few who have so little but give so much, while so many who have so much give so little.

The church must preach or perish, teach or tarnish, evangelize or fossilize, send or end.

The only way to preach the Gospel to every creature is to go to every creature.

A missionary is one who can never grow accustomed to the thud of Christless feet on the way to eternity.

Christians teach their dollars more *cents* by giving to missions.

There is only one thing you cannot do for missions. That is to get rid of your responsibility.

Would you believe in missions if you had to change places with the heathen?

At every breath we draw, four perish, never having heard of Christ.

There is a mighty big Go in Gospel.

Either you are a missionary or you need one.

If you take serve out of service, you have ice left. Many Christians need defrosting.

God calls two classes of people into His service —those who go in person and those who go in purse.

No Christian is out of debt until every man, woman, and child regardless of race or color has heard the Good News of salvation.

Have you robbed God by robbing our missionaries?

Have you the Master's permission to stay at home?

Missions is not a matter of sentiment but of debt.

A growing church is a mission-minded church.

Have you done what you could for missions, or is it too little too late?

I pray that I may never lose the vision of what it means for a soul to be lost.

"Go ye into all the world . . ."—was Christ speaking to you?

Compiled by Rev. C. A. Nicola

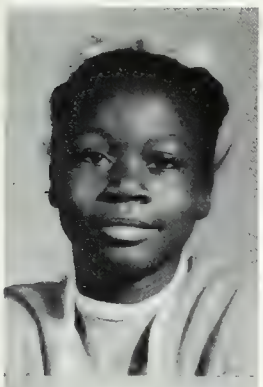
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FORTY-THREE CHURCHES EXCEED $3,000

in 1965 Brethren Foreign Missions Offering

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2. Long Beach, Calif. (North)	21,780.82	24. Martinsburg, Pa.	5,093.07
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18. Waynesboro, Pa.	5,653.03	40. South Bend, Ind.	3,242.16
19. Englewood, Ohio	5,566.98	41. Winchester, Va.	3,098.34
20. Seal Beach, Calif.	5,502.62	42. Conemaugh, Pa.	3,048.92
21. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	5,492.22	43. Warsaw, Ind.	3,033.57
22. Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	5,225.12		

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



MISSIONARY HELPERS

Reading down:

Dawn Ballard, 9 years old, Martinsburg, West Virginia.



Betty Anne Grady, 10 years old, Waterloo, Iowa (Grace Brethren Church).



Barbara Lynn Brown, 7 years old, Whittier, California (Community Brethren Church).

Susan Green, 12 years old, Hatboro, Pennsylvania (Suburban Brethren Church).



Patsy Nelson, 11 years old, Seat Pleasant, Maryland (Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington).

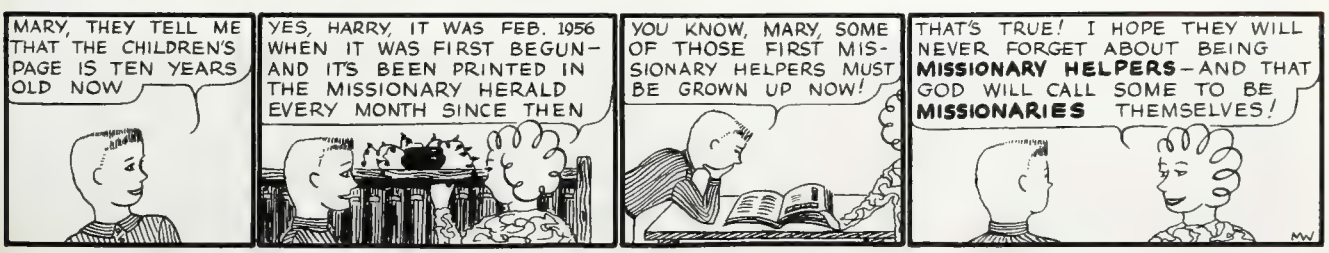
KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES



Miss Bertha Abel is in her third term of missionary service in Argentina. She has just moved to Rio Cuarto and is beginning a new kind of work having to do with Bible correspondence courses. That is, people send in requests for Bible study courses and she sends the courses to them. They return their work to her and she corrects it. She also oversees the work in the Christian bookstore in Rio Cuarto, and teaches some Bible classes.

Pray for this busy missionary!

MARY MISSIONARY



WHY A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING IN WMC?

By Mrs. Thomas Hammers
National WMC President

This is the "action age." Around the world youth are characterized as the "go generation." Their actions may be for good or for bad. The usual news story you read concerns teens in rebellion trying to change the world while their own hearts and lives have never been changed. In this group is one of our greatest mission fields. We have a responsibility to present Christ as the only answer to all their needs and problems. We thank God for the thousands of saved young people in our homes and for the active Christian teens in our churches, but we must be ever on the alert to pray for and to witness to those whose hearts are yet unchanged by the power of His wonderful saving grace.

God needs saved, trained, wholly committed young people in action for Him around the world witnessing at home, at school, everywhere. They must be controlled by the Holy Spirit with the ultimate goal in life to take Jesus Christ to any who do not know Him as Saviour and Lord. In the lives of our Christian youth lies the potential of the future church. These will be the missionaries, pastors and pastors' wives, faithful laymen and women, Christian teachers, nurses and youth leaders.

Someone has said, "Today's Christian teens can change tomorrow's world." But this can never be done without the help of Christian adults today—nor without an education founded upon the premise that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Christ must be the center and the foundation of all their learning.

As we think of a Christ-centered education, let me ask this question: Just where does a Christian education begin? Much depends upon the home into which a child is born. For many a babe it begins in his mother's arms the first time he is conscious of her spoken prayer or song of Jesus' love. For many others it does not begin until someone tells them the story of Jesus in Sunday school, church, neighborhood class or campus Bible hour. The vital factor is that Christian education must not only have a beginning but must also continue through the life of an individual. This is absolutely essential if he is to be trained for and yielded to God's will for his life, if he is to be ready when the time comes for active Christian service.

None of us women in WMC in our Brethren churches can close our eyes to our own responsibility to do our part toward the Christian education of the youth of our Sunday schools, in Brethren youth organizations, and in Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. All of these areas of training desperately need our help in order that our youth may be ready when Christ calls them into action.

We are their spiritual mothers and they have a right to depend on us. May God burden our hearts to pray for them, serve for them, and give our offerings that the needs of our youth work and our own Grace Schools may be supplied. May God's blessings to us be made manifest to others as we complete the ingathering of our Christian Education Offering this month. ▼

National WMC Christian Education Offering

December—January—February

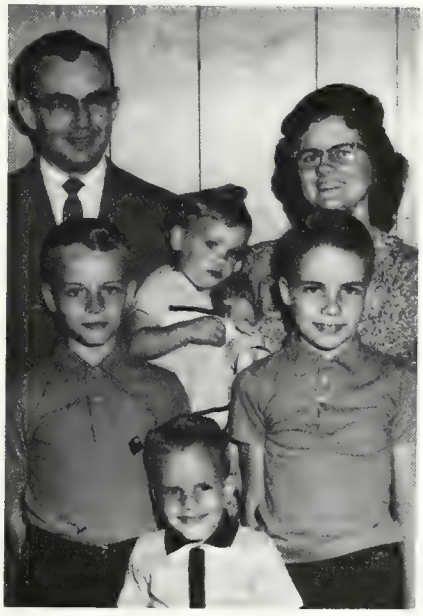
We Trained at Grace Seminary-- for Missionary Service in Viet Nam

By Mrs. Ernest Lee

In the spring of 1958 my husband, two little boys, and I left the United States, and we headed for Viet Nam to serve our first term with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Due to the political situation in Viet Nam at that time we were delayed in the Philippines for nine months waiting for visas. Finally in January of 1959 we arrived in Saigon and plunged into language study. After we had gained sufficient command of the Vietnamese language (the national language of Viet Nam), we moved to the area where the Roglai tribespeople could be reached and began learning their language in preparation for giving them the Word of God.

We could not live in their villages, because officials feared we would be in danger from the Viet Cong. So we lived in a Vietnamese town and went by bicycle or motorbike the seven kilometers (about four miles) to their village. The particular village to which we had access was a resettlement of Roglai and Koho tribesmen who had come to the Lord as a result of the work of Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries. (For a fascinating and factual account of their coming to the Lord and their consequent persecution, consult *The Bamboo Cross* written by Homer Dowdy and published by Harpers.)* We made no attempt to hold women's or children's classes because during the day most of the people left the village and went to work in their rice fields some distance away or else went into the nearby forests to gather firewood for selling. Thus the old, the sick, and the very young were often the only ones left in the village until evening, and we had had to be back in our town by sundown. So my husband hired a young father to stay home from the fields and help him with learning the language and a young woman to help me. Then began the days and weeks of listening and writing down sounds and words and sentences until we began to make sense out of the jumble and piece together something of what their language was like.

As the years have passed we have valued our years of training at Grace Theological Seminary as one of the Lord's abundant blessings to us. Those tedious hours back at Winona Lake burning the midnight oil to ferret out the meaning of strange-looking Hebrew symbols and Greek sentences have proved to be hours well spent. Since we were headed for the mission field as Bible translators, we availed ourselves of as many Greek and Hebrew courses as possible, learning to read the original languages and then translating for ourselves. This knowledge is of inestimable value in translating God's Word into another language for people who express thoughts and ideas in ways that sound strange to our American ear. As we translate, it is of utmost importance to know exactly how the Old and New Testament writers expressed things; being able to translate from the original languages rather than translating from our English translations is a great help.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee and family

The courses in Christian education that I took at Grace have been of great value to me in teaching and training my own children in a foreign land. Sometimes Mommy has to be schoolteacher, too, and any training in the field of education makes this task less formidable.

Some of the most beneficial hours we spent at Grace were in Dr. Herman Hoyt's Bible courses and Dr. Alva J. McClain's theology classes. Learning the basic truths and concepts God gives us in His Word is fundamental to giving God's message to any man in any land. These areas of training at Grace have been of lasting worth.

Not only have we benefited from our training at Grace in our work, but—and possibly this is of greater import—we have also gained much in our own spiritual lives. During our term in Viet Nam, and especially just before furlough, we went through a dark time of personal trial in which we were cast upon God in a way we had never experienced before. Over and over again during those hard days of trial I thanked the Lord for the foundation in His Word that I had gained largely at Grace.

In these intervening years since we studied at Grace we have come to a greater appreciation of its emphasis on God's written Word. Recently we heard a friend who had attended a seminary of one of America's larger evangelical denominations, express his disappointment that so much time was spent studying everything but the Bible itself—studying *about* the Bible and how to teach it and its psychological and emotional

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1965-1966 WMC BIRTHDAY MISSIONARY—
MISS MARY ANN HABEGGER

A little girl's ambition became reality with

PHYSICAL DRESSINGS AND SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS



Mary Ann Habegger (left) and Margaret Mason in front of hospital at Boguila Medical Center.

Once there was a very little girl who often said: "Someday I want to go and dress the heathen children, because they have no dresses. Then, I want to tell them about Jesus who loves me." Because this little girl was born to Christian parents, and reared and nurtured in a home where the highest Christian values were stressed and where the work of relatives who were missionaries and preachers was discussed and prayed for, perhaps it is not so surprising to know of her early burden.

As the years passed, Mary Ann Habegger never lost that interest in those who do not know the Saviour. Step by step she prepared for a missionary career, and God opened for her a place of service like the one she dreamed about when a little girl. Today Miss Habegger is in the last year of her third term of service as a missionary nurse in the Central African Republic.

In a busy Mennonite farm household in the area of Berne, Indiana, Mary Ann and her six brothers and sisters grew up, worked hard, and were happy in it all. The family was of Swiss origin, as were many others in that section, and speaking Swiss was just natural to the children.

The family was very active in their church, and perhaps partly because grandfather was secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school for many years, they learned much about missions and "giving and going" and the need for laborers. Then, too, there were an aunt and an uncle who were missionaries, and three preacher-uncles. The work of all these was of vital concern to the Habegger family, and prayer for them was a daily matter. Right in their own home they had assisted the missionary relatives in packing, and when in later years daughter Mary Ann was preparing to leave for the mission field herself, the missionary-packing techniques already learned came in handy.

When Mary Ann was in third grade, she accepted the Lord during a union evangelistic campaign under the ministry of Dr. Oswald Smith. Five years later, during a similar campaign, she presented herself to the Lord for full-time service, and from that time on she prepared for the mission field. The preparation included nurses training at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and two years each in Temple Missionary Training School and Grace Seminary. It was in Fort Wayne that she became acquainted with The Brethren Church and came into the membership of the First Brethren Church, where she is still a member.

In due process of time her preparation was completed, and in the summer of 1953 Mary Ann arrived on the field to which God had called her and for which she had so long prepared. Her station has for some time been Boguila, where the Medical Center is located. For a missionary nurse, no two days are the same. Her letters home invariably include one sentence: "So, you see, there is never a dull moment for me around here"; and, as she relates her activities, they bear out the statement! God has blessed her with health and zeal and energy, and she uses it all for Him. Her fine singing voice is used for His glory, too.

As a growing girl Mary Ann would often admonish her brothers: "Never learn to fly; you might be killed!" The possibility seemed to be of real concern to her. But with the passing of the years, it developed that Mary Ann herself was the one who must take to flying in order to reach her field of service. Her fears were committed to the Lord, and He has cared for her in all her journeys. There was one incident of inconvenience in her last return to Africa. She found herself traveling all the way with only a large handbag for luggage. That might be someone's idea of the ideal way to "travel light," but it was not intentional on Mary Ann's part. It seems that her luggage was somehow not put on the plane which she boarded in Chicago. She went from New York to Paris to Bangui—and still no luggage. Missionary friends helped their co-worker "Hobbie" in her predicament. Eventually the luggage arrived in Bangui —before time for her to go up-country to Boguila. Her conclusion—"It's less embarrassment and less trouble when the luggage keeps pace with the passenger"—is probably a masterpiece of understatement!

"Dressing heathen children"—yes —although probably her early ambition didn't forsee that she would be involved with "dressings" in a medical sense. But God led, and she followed, and today Mary Ann Habegger serves Him efficiently and energetically in ministering both physically and spiritually in a place of need. ▼

—Marcia Wardell

A Missionary Report From Mexico

By Mrs. Walter Haag

"One Day Jesus Will Return" is a favorite hymn and the precious theme of the lives of most of the WMC women in Mexico. We have happy spiritual times together as we meet monthly. There are just two formal WMC groups here: one in Mexicali under the direction of Ofelia Peraza, and the other in Tijuana with Maria Davalos. Women from all the missions join the group in Tijuana.

All the women like to have a part, so we have many captains. For instance, there are a program captain, a prayer captain, a study captain, a devotional captain, and a work captain. There is even a record captain, who comes to each meeting with all her charts; she has each lady stand up and report the number of chapters she has read, repeat the verses she has memorized, and so forth. Each month we are to learn four verses and read 100 chapters.

The women enjoy chapter-by-chapter explanation of the Bible with questions to take home and write the answers for. They turn these in at each meeting and take home a new set. The definite interest in Bible study stems from the fact that the Bible is new to them. As they come out of Catholicism they don't know even the simple Bible stories.

Our prayer session occupies about one-third of our meeting time, and I know the women grow bountifully because of these prayer experiences together.

Work projects are taken home by each woman to be completed and returned at the next meeting. We make the baptism robes and towels (often basically done and supplied by State-side WMC groups), table covers, hymn book covers, choir robes, and so forth.

At the close of the meeting the visitation captain gives each neighborhood group a few names; on our way home we all make several visits, encouraging, leaving tracts, inviting and witnessing.

You say, "Why, that's just like our WMC!" Yes, basically it is. There are some things that would impress you as being *very* different if you were to visit us, however. The most obvious is the language. I think the next thing you would notice is the participation, voluntary and profuse. Lesson study time, testimony time, prayer time are all times for everyone, and participation is eager. Next you would be affected by kneeling on a cement floor in an unheated building in wintertime. The number of infants present would probably distract you. I'm sure, however, that you would come away from the meeting conscious that the Holy Spirit was filling and blessing each heart present. Most of our visitors say, "I couldn't understand a word of it and yet I understood." ▼

Sincerely,
Alys Haag

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Africa—

Mrs. Robert S. Williams April 15
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Jonathan Eric Ball April 23, 1963
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Rev. Solon W. Hoyt April 2
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. E. Nelson Fay April 6
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Colleen Mary Austin April 8, 1956
Ayacucho 592, Beccar, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

Paula Ann Bishop April 15, 1955
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

Peter Philip Marshall April 23, 1953
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Gordon Austin April 29
Ayacucho 592, Beccar, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Donald E. Bishop April 29
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

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Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

James Kevin Johnson April 19, 1956
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Miss Barbara Hulse April 27
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Hawaii—

Leilani Lou Tresise April 15, 1956
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786

Mexico—

Mrs. Phillip Guerena April 5
Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico D.F.

Mrs. Sibley Edmiston April 14
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Puerto Rico—

Nancy Joyce Brenneman April 24, 1954
P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922

In the United States—

Suzan Marie Goodman April 1, 1952
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Miss Edith Geske April 6
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

John Robert Zielasko April 10, 1948
320 Carbon Street, Minersville, Pennsylvania 17954

Calla Jean Cone April 24, 1965
c/o D & D Missionary Homes, 4020 58th Avenue No., St. Petersburg, Florida

Counting Our Blessings



By Mrs. Evelyn Bryant

Southeast WMC District President

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Ps. 19:1).

God declares His handywork in a multitude of ways, and the heart of His trusting child responds to this declaration. Every Christian woman may see God's glory reflected in the ordinary things of everyday life—a drive in the country, mountains with tall pines scanning the skies, oceans, lakes, country lanes, twilight, fellowship with God's people, good health, the warmth of a fireside in winter and the touch of a loved one's hand.

God's provision for us is manifested in the precious treasures He has entrusted to our care—our children. A Christian mother feels responsibility to God when a child's arms are tightly entwined about her neck and when the child's trusting eyes gaze into her own. With this responsibility God has provided help, for in Proverbs He promises, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." How wonderful our God is, how great He is, how much He gives!

In spite of all the blessings which belong to the child of God, some murmur and complain. They seem never to be satisfied. In the humdrum of everyday living, many forget the wonderful things God has given.

God's child should constantly be encouraged. When the way seems hard, remember that every evening there is a beautiful sunset or perhaps a beautiful rainbow to follow the rain. We cannot really appreciate one without the other. The Word says, "The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts" (Prov. 17:3). A little rain is sometimes a blessing in disguise: no matter what comes our way, He never fails us. "A faithful man shall abound with blessings" (Prov. 28:20).

As the earth yields food for our bodies, God gives food for our souls through the Word. We need to feed our souls at least as often as we feed our bodies. If we are starving spiritually, there is no spiritual vitality. Every day can be a wonderful and thrilling experience, filled with opportunities for service and moments to spend with the Word and in prayer. We can not afford to be prayerless, for a prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian. Prayer is possible while washing dishes, waxing floors, or polishing furniture, and the little time taken between tasks to read the Word yields abundantly.

"When upon life's billows you are
tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking
all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name
them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the
Lord hath done." ▼

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We Trained . . .

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effects, but neglecting actually to study God's Book. How thankful we are that at Grace the *emphasis* was upon God's Word and what He has said to man, and that we were privileged to dig right into it for ourselves, discovering its truths and treasures.

Two verses come to my mind as characteristic of our training at Grace: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). From the time we entered Grace Seminary in 1952 to the completion of our time there in 1956, we repeatedly heard these two verses; various teachers sought to ingrain the principle of II Timothy 2:15 into the very fiber of our lives, and they themselves sought to carry out the command of II Timothy 2:2 in so teaching us that we would be prepared to teach others the glorious message of God's salvation entrusted to us. ▼

(WMC editor's note: The writer, Lois Lee, received a B. Chr. Ed. degree from Grace Theological Seminary, and her husband, Ernest, received his B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Grace. At present the Lees are living in Bloomington, Indiana, during an extended furlough while Ernest is working on his Ph.D. in linguistics at Indiana University; he is currently writing his dissertation. This is the second in a series of articles relating to our National WMC Christian Education offering emphasis for this time of year.)

SMM News

GARWIN, IOWA. The combined groups of the SMM honored the men October 29 with a chili and oyster supper. The men were Penny Partners of the girls last year and gave them a total of $42.70 toward their district project.

The girls have chosen the ladies to be their Penny Partners this year.

BERNE, IND. This year for Christmas our SMM made something for a foreign land. Each girl made something, such as baby clothes, or dolls, or pillow cases. We also decorated our church for the Christmas season.

WARSAW, IND. We have received three new members this fall which makes a total of 12. Vicki Cover has been with us, and we have enjoyed getting to know her. When she returns to Argentina we will have two girls there who have been in our group. We wish you could see our soap carvings. We have an alligator, snowmen, Bible, butterfly, leaf, candleholders, heart, cross, porpoise, and a clock. These will be sent to Mexico. We have also made our prayer cards, which we use at each meeting. In December we brought our gifts for the missionary chest.



KITTANNING, PA. In May the Middler SMM of the First Brethren Church enjoyed an overnight party at the Brigade camp. We had hiking, games, and a good time in the Lord. Through the summer we also enjoyed swimming and picnicking. We hope to have a work day for our projects and do some bowling. At the present time we have 26 girls in our group.



MANSFIELD, OHIO SMM GIRL NAMED "JUNIOR MISS"

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings and guidance if we only put our trust in Him.

Recently I took part in a contest and was selected Richland County's Junior Miss of 1965. Much prayer and thought were put into this contest and through it my faith and love for my dear Saviour have greatly increased. It has given me many opportunities to be a witness for Him, too.

Please pray with me as I go into state competition, that the Lord's will may be done, and that, whether I win or lose, His precious name may be magnified.

—Jody Deter

(SMM Editor's note: Jody is a member of SMM at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield, Ohio, where Rev. M. L. Myers is pastor.)

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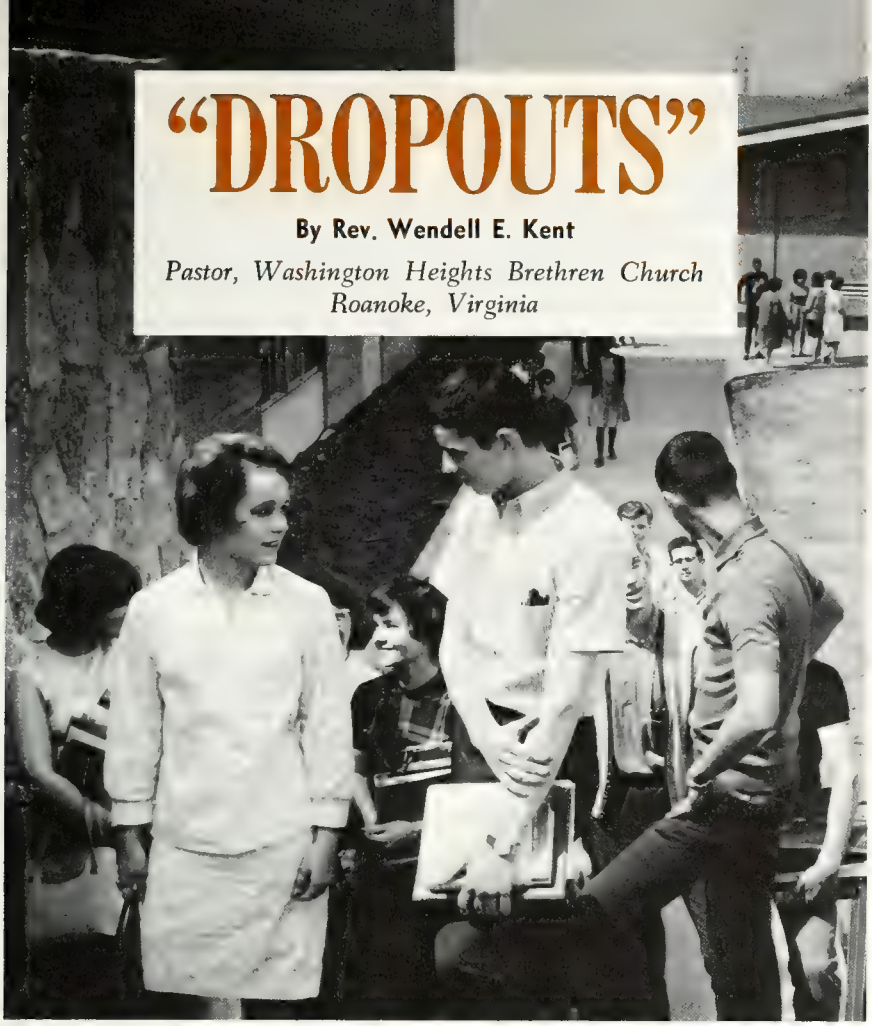
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"DROPOUTS"

By Rev. Wendell E. Kent

Pastor, Washington Heights Brethren Church
Roanoke, Virginia



One of the strange problems of our day is that of the high school dropout. In a day when education is more necessary than ever before, when technology is the order of the day, when everyone should know that the coming years will demand greater technical skills than any period in history, yet we are seeing a tremendous increase in school dropouts. The state of Virginia, according to recent reports, has a 40 per cent school dropout rate, exceeded only by Mississippi and New Mexico. All over the nation, the problem is being felt. The *Memphis Commercial-Appeal* reported recently that if school dropouts continue as at present, in ten years there will be 32 million adults without high school diplomas in the nation's labor force. Our government is trying to do something about the situation. The Job Corps was begun to give some training to dropouts. Films and radio messages are being directed to high school students, pointing out the advantages of staying in school. We would certainly join with those voices in urging our young people to secure all the education they can, even beyond high school if possible.

But there is another serious dropout problem I would have you consider. It is the *church dropout*, the *Christian dropout*. We have a serious problem here too! In our church and in every church there is a group who used to come regularly, who used to sing, who used to pray, who used to tithe—but now they are never seen. They are the Christian dropouts, and there are too many of them.

What causes dropouts? In the school problem, most of those who drop out do so because they become discouraged with their progress, or because something outside of school looks attractive, or because they listen to some wrong advice. I don't think the church dropout problem is very much different. Probably for the same reasons people drop out of church and of Christian service. They become discouraged with the slow growth they see in themselves and in others. They become critical of the church leaders. They lose interest in spiritual things. They look at worldly things on the outside and these things have an appeal, and they listen to neighbors and friends who seem to be getting along just fine without the church and the Lord—and so they drop out.

Just like the school dropout, the church dropout is making a sad mistake both for the present and also for the future. He is closing the door to a great opportunity right now to find teaching and fellowship and help, and he is perhaps ruining his chances for *ever* serving the Lord, and perhaps even for finding salvation. The dropout is a loser.

The Bible speaks of several people who were dropouts in their day. I think we can profit from their experience. In John 6:66 we read that "many of the disciples went back, and walked no more with him." It goes on to describe Jesus' feeling about this. "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?" Peter, who later himself became a dropout for a few days, answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." At this time Peter was no dropout. He knew he was in the place where he would receive the best teaching and the best advice and the best fellowship he could find anywhere, so he chose to stay where he was. But some dropped out.

Here are three dropouts the Bible mentions:

The Dropout Who Lost Everything

The prodigal son started out with a fair opportunity in life. He had a home, a family, all his needs provided, a future to look forward to, a name to live up to, and an honorable profession. He had just about everything a young man might desire. But then he became a dropout. It all seems so senseless.

But the Christian dropout is just as senseless. For the Christian in fellowship with the Lord has a home—a church home and a heavenly home. He has a father, a heavenly Father. He has all his needs provided. God has promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. We have a future to look forward to—our home in heaven, eternity with Christ, our glorified bodies, reunion with loved ones, rewards at the judg-

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CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE: All those desiring to have their 1965 issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* bound, please have them in the Herald office by March 1. The price for binding is $5.75 if you furnish copies. We will furnish copies and bind them for $6.75, postage paid.

DAYTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church reports a record offering given to both foreign and home missions during 1965, and at a recent congregational meeting the congregation voted to increase their personalized missionary support by $1,000. Thirty people made public decisions in the services the first Sunday in January. A Fort Wayne College musical ensemble presented special music Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Pastor Forrest Jackson has been given a call to serve as pastor for his fourth year with an increase in salary.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Mrs. Flo Collitt, wife of Pastor Robert Collitt of the Grace Brethren Church, recently began a 15-minute women's Bible class each Wednesday afternoon over radio station WJEJ, Hagerstown; this new program brings the total of weekly broadcasts of the church to 16. Grace Brethren reports the following figures for the year 1965: 106 decisions for salvation, 149 for rededication, and three for full-time service; 68 were baptized, and 46 new members were received into the church. On the first Sunday of 1966, 15 additional new members were received.

CHICO, CALIF. Rev. Conard Sandy was speaker for a special installation service held Oct. 17 for the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, William Shelby. Pastor Shelby reports that attendances are rising somewhat, and new people are being reached.

ROANOKE, VA. An open house was held at the new parsonage of the Ghent Brethren Church Dec. 19; the spacious four-bedroom home was admired by a large number of members and friends of the church. The 31st Jewish conference was held Jan. 2 to 5; highlights were a report from the Jewish Mission Board's booth at the World's Fair in New York and a report of their youth work. Kenneth Teague, pastor.

LANCASTER, PA. Pastor William Tweeddale reports that the Grace Brethren Church here has voted to add a new wing to the church; they hope to reduce their indebtedness by $5,000 by their April ground breaking. A record was broken Jan. 9 with a Sunday-school attendance of 344; in the morning worship service there was an attendance of 379, and several public decisions were made.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. Following the regular Wednesday evening service Nov. 24 the congregation of Rosemont Brethren Church surprised Pastor and Mrs. Robert Dell with a Thanksgiving basket of food items; refreshments were served during the social period that followed. On "Piano Fund Sunday" Dec. 19 an offering of $640 made it possible to buy a new piano for the sanctuary. During the Christmas holidays, students and others who had been away from home were guests of honor at a special evening of Christian fellowship sponsored by the young people. A candlelight service was held Dec. 31 to welcome the new year.

WEST COVINA, CALIF. John Lee, a Sunday-school teacher from the West Covina Brethren Church, writes: "Our church reached a goal that many in our congregation thought impossible. . . . In April of last year our superintendent presented to the Sunday school a missionary project of supporting the child of a missionary serving in Mexico. This would mean raising $600. We as a church have never supported a missionary or given (we regret) to a foreign missions project. In the last week of December, offerings had amounted to a little over $604. Our people can now see how prayer is answered, and we're looking forward to an even more successful adventure in 1966." Robert Kliewer is pastor.

FORT LEWIS, WASH. Chaplain Emlyn Jones has been placed in charge of two military chapels at Fort Lewis and preaches in both of them every Sunday; in one of them his wife has begun a junior church program.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Donald Farner, 803 W. King, Winona, Minn. 55987. Rev. and Mrs. K. E. Richardson, 2305 Larkspur Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601. Community Brethren Church of East Los Angeles, 756 S. Keenan, Los Angeles, Calif. 90022. Rev. and Mrs. Ward Miller, 1090 E. Valna Dr., Whittier, Calif. (Tel. OX6-5574). Please change *Annual*.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The Grace Brethren Church here was the scene of a week of "Old-fashioned Gospel Meetings" Jan. 16 to 23, held in cooperation with the Christian Business Men's Committee of Cedar Rapids. Pastor Wayne Baker spoke in the two Sunday morning services of the series; speakers for the other meetings included a mechanical engineer, a jeweler, a pastor, and a lay minister. On Dec. 26 James Renick, missionary under appointment to Africa and son-in-law of the pastor, presented the message in the evening service.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The Christmas tree of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside was decorated with nearly 300 envelopes as the "Birthday gift for the Lord Jesus" to be used for the new chapel in Argentina. The last few dollars of a $1,000 offering came in on the closing day of this project. "Red Runs the River," a Christian film set against the background of the Civil War, was shown in the New Year's Eve service. A missionary conference was held here Jan. 19 to 23; missionaries present were Robert Cover and Jack Churchill, from Argentina, and Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever, from Central Africa. John Mayes, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Randall Poyner has resigned as pastor of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church to accept the call of the Grace Breth-

ren Church of Lansing, Michigan. He plans to begin his new ministry the first of April.

ROANOKE, VA. Forty-seven people in the Washington Heights Brethren Church have signed up to try to read the Bible through in 1966. Wendell Kent, pastor.

CUBA, N. MEX. On Feb. 1 Rev. James McClellan, formerly superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission, assumed his new duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino, Calif.; Larry Wedertz is now superintendent of the mission. The McClellans' new address is 7130 Buchanan Ave., San Bernardino, Calif 92404; however, please do not address mission mail to him, or it will be forwarded to California. All mail for the Navajo mission should be addressed to Mr. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism reports 57 first-time decisions for Christ in campaigns this past fall. The director of evangelism, Bill Smith, will be at five district conferences of Brethren churches this year.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Ted Dencher, a converted Jehovah's Witness who will be speaking throughout the United States and Canada this year, took part in a number of services at the Grace Brethren Church Jan. 2; he held a question and answer period for the young people and adults during the Sunday-school hour, gave his personal testimony in the morning worship service, and in the evening used a chart to describe the methods used to train Jehovah's Witnesses and the reason for their zeal. He was also speaker for a district men's rally held at the church the following evening. Wesley Haller, pastor.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. An 11-week Bible study series, taught by Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Stanton, was begun at the Grace Brethren Church in January; a number of people are attending from other churches in the area. The churches of the Florida District cooperated for a world missions conference recently; guest speakers were Rev. Fred Fogle, Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking, Dr. Harold Etling, Mr. Harold Bolesky, Rev. William Tweeddale, and Rev. Bill Smith. Ralph Colburn has been called to serve as pastor of the Fort Lauderdale church for his 12th year and has been given a substantial increase in salary.

ASHLAND, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church decided this past year, instead of sending Christmas cards to the congregation of the church, that they would figure the cost of the cards and the postage and give this money to a special missionary project. Over $200 came in as a gift for the portable chapel in Argentina. Jack Peters, pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. "In His Steps," a film based on the book by Charles Sheldon, was shown at First Brethren Church Jan. 16; "The Paul Carlson Story," an outstanding missionary film, is to be shown here Feb. 13. Richard DeArmey, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. The choir of the First Brethren Church gave two performances of their Christmas musicale Dec. 19; attendance at the afternoon performance was 400, with 233 in the evening. Pastor Robert Griffith reports that there was a total attendance that day of over 800.

ALTO, MICH. On Dec. 19 six people united with the Calvary Brethren Church, C. A. Flowers, pastor. The Clarksville Area Ministerium, of which Rev. Flowers is a member, held a winter revival in Lake Odessa, Mich., Jan. 7 to 9; Rev. Oscar Van Impe, a converted Roman Catholic from Detroit, Mich., was the evangelist.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church exceeded their goal of $1,000 in a special "Gifts for the King" Christmas offering. The church has extended a call to Rev. Clyde Caes to become minister of education and youth. Everett Caes, pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the Temple City Brethren Church cooperated with the Glendale and South Pasadena Brethren churches for a men and boys' dinner. The president of the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles, Mr. Hugh Mercason, was speaker. Dr. Glenn O'Neal brought the Sunday morning message Jan. 16. Robert Firl, pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Open house was held at the First Brethren Church here Jan. 23 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houck's 50th wedding anniversary. Charles Turner, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. "The Confusion of Tongues" is the theme of a conference to be held soon at Grace Brethren Church; speaker is Dr. Newell, of Moody Bible Institute, and the meetings are to be held on seven Friday nights beginning Feb. 11. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

STERLING, OHIO. The annual missionary conference of the First Brethren Church was held Jan. 5 to 9; missionaries present were Fred Fogle, John Zielasko, Marie Mishler, and Ruth Kent; Dr. Barnard, of Winona Lake, Ind., also took part. Robert Combs, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A blind orphans' choir from Hong Kong pre-

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Duncansville, Pa.	Feb. 20-23	Victor S. Rogers	Leo Polman
Canton, Ohio	Feb. 27-Mar. 3	John R. Dilling	Leo Polman
Everett, Pa.	Mar. 6-9	H. Lingenfelter	Leo Polman
Dayton, Ohio	Mar. 6-13	C. S. Zimmerman	Bill Smith
Barberton, Ohio	Mar. 6-13	Irvin Miller	Ron Thompson
Mansfield, Ohio	Mar. 13-20	M. L. Myers	Ron Thompson
Conemaugh, Pa.	Mar. 20-23	Don Rager	John Whitcomb
Dayton, Ohio	Mar. 21-27	Richard Burch	Dr. J. Hendley
South Bend, Ind.	Mar. 27-Apr. 3	Sherwood Durkee	Bill Smith
Alexandria, Va.	Mar. 27-Apr. 3	John Burns	Ron Thompson

sented a concert at the First Brethren Church Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. "The Paul Carlson Story," a full-length documentary missionary film, was presented at the First Brethren Church Sunday, Jan. 30. On Jan. 16 a musical team from Grace College took part in all the services of the day. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. At least 28 people in the First Brethren Church read the Bible through during the past year. Paul Dick, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DIXON, Andrew M., 75, founder and first pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died Nov. 14, 1965. He was a member of the Mid-Atlantic District Ministerium and of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers. After his retirement from the active ministry he was a faithful member of Cal-



vary Brethren Church and a teacher of the Men's Bible Class. In addition to being a pastor, Rev. Dixon has served in the field of education as a teacher, a superintendent of schools, and as a member of the first faculty of Hagerstown Junior College, where he taught until his retirement in 1958. Funeral services were held in the Calvary Brethren Church on Wednesday, Nov. 17, with Rev. Galen Lingenfelter officiating. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

CRUMBACKER, James F., 47, church financial secretary and assistant Sunday-school superintendent of Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died Dec. 23. "Jim" was a dedicated Christian who faithfully served his Lord and the church.

Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

GANTT, Charles, died suddenly Monday morning, Jan. 10, of a heart attack. Brother Gantt had been an elder in The Brethren Church since 1939 and had served as pastor of two churches in the Southern Ohio District. During the last two years before his death he was active as a Bible teacher in Piqua, Ohio, where



he and his wife resided; he had a fervent desire to establish young Christians in the truths of the Word of God. Funeral services were held Jan. 13 in the Covington Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio, where Rev. Gantt once served as pastor; Rev. Forrest Jackson officiated, assisted by Rev. John Neely.

"Dropouts"

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ment seat of Christ. We have a family to be proud of. We belong to the family of God. We have a name to live up to—the name of Christ. To turn aside from all of this is to lose everything worthwhile. This is what happened to the prodigal son. He was the dropout who lost everything.

The Dropout Never Heard From Again

In II Timothy 4:10 we read the sad words of Paul: "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Demas was a disciple who is mentioned two other times in Scripture as a fellow laborer in the cause of Christ. He even went out as a missionary. But something happened to Demas. He fell in love with the world. No doubt his downfall went something like this: First, he fell in love with the world's *people*. He began to enjoy their company more than the company of Christian people. Second, he fell in love with the world's *places*. He found pleasure in frequenting places where the Christian had no business spending time or money. And, finally, he fell in love with the world's *practices*. He perhaps enjoyed drinking with his new friends. He enjoyed the games of chance they allowed him to play with them. He enjoyed the immoral activities some of them practiced. And by this time Demas was a dropout. He was never heard from again, as far as Scripture is concerned. What became of him we don't know, but I can't help but believe that in time the glitter faded, the sweetness turned sour, and the pleasure became misery. Whether he turned back to the Lord and the church we don't know. He was the dropout never heard from again.

The Dropout Who Came Back

John Mark was one of the first missionaries of the Bible. He went with Paul on the first missionary journey. But somehow, during that trip, Mark got off the track. He dropped out of circulation. When the party reached Pamphylia in Asia Minor, Mark went back home. He was a dropout.

Whatever was the reason, it was enough that Paul thought it unwise to take him with him on the next trip. As far as Paul was concerned, this dropout had lost his usefulness to him as a missionary. He chose somebody else to take his place. That is the trouble with dropouts. They sometimes ruin their usefulness for the Lord, even sometimes for the rest of their lives, by the course they take when they drop out of service.

But Mark's story has a happy ending. In II Timothy 4:11, some time after Mark's defection, Paul writes to Timothy, "Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry." *Mark came back!* He proved himself. Paul wanted him as a missionary again! He was the dropout who came back.

That is the wonderful thing about the grace of our Lord. Dropouts can come back. At some time probably all of us have been dropouts, at least for a short time or in some phase of the Lord's work. It may be that today you are a dropout. Then why not come back right now? ▼

Opportunities for Christian Service

WANTED Male or Female. Exceptional musical talent. Must play musical instrument with great skill. Must sing solos with confidence and ability. College training in music preferable. Experience is absolutely necessary in choir work, bands and orchestras, solos, duets, trios, and quartets. Must be able to write music, especially "tricky" or "catchy" choruses. Good references and recommendations from top musical personnel required. Dramatic production experience preferable. Sensationalism greatly desired. If interested, contact:

MUSIC FOR SELF, INC.

WANTED Outstanding Christian athletes. Must have graduated from one of America's great universities. All-American honors desired. Must have achieved some great honor within this last year, such as all-conference, most valuable player, all-state, all-league, all-star, or at least all-something! Lots of opportunities to tell of athletic achievements. Football players should average over 6 feet tall, and weigh around 250 lbs. Basketball players should exceed a height of 6 feet 6 inches. All expenses paid. If interested, contact:

CARNAL MAN ENTERPRISES

WANTED Attractive college-age single girl. Must have competed in at least five different beauty contests. Must hold at least two titles of "Miss Something or other." Must have poise and charm. Must wear the latest fashions and be considered by friends as "sharp." Christian testimony must be given with a nice smile. Lots of opportunities, especially among teen-agers. If interested, contact:

BEAUTY IS VAIN CO.

WANTED An up-to-date teenager to reach the modern world. Beatle haircut is desirable. Wardrobe should consist of dirty sweatshirt and blue jeans, plus badly-torn low-cut tennis shoes. A portable radio should be owned with the latest in "twist" music playing on it constantly. Slang can be used with moderation. Must have at least a casual interest in a church youth group. Having a car (convertibles preferred) with complete customizing, including tuck n' roll upholstery, dual exhaust system (very loud, especially around church parking lots), spinners on the wheels, four-on-the-floor, supercharger, plus any other little goodies, will increase your opportunities. If interested, contact:

YOUTH FOR SATAN, INC.

WANTED An adult church member. Must have been a member of a church for at least five years. Experience in church leadership such as deacon, trustee, superintendent, moderator, etc. is required. Family must carry Bibles to church (studying them not required). Lots of experience in giving testimonies to impress the youth of the church and other adult members is desirable. Must be able to pin "Welcome Badges" on visitors (if any attend your church). Must express concern over minor issues in the church. Must have a "knack" for "spotting trouble" and "getting to the bottom of it all." If interested, contact:

OFFICE FOR SPIRITUAL PRIDE

WANTED Man or woman, boy or girl. No experience necessary. No natural talent or ability required. Opportunities will not come easy; they must be sought. Work will sometimes be unbearable; persecutions might result. Some people will not like you for what you are doing. No pay guaranteed before you die, but lots of rewards later. Age, appearance, or abilities not considered as requirements. Work may involve things you don't like. Inward happiness guaranteed, in spite of what may be very trying conditions. A feeling of inadequacy and worthlessness is desirable. A supreme love for the employer is absolutely necessary. Employer guarantees to spend a lot of time with you if you are willing to learn. A willingness to follow orders no matter what the cost or circumstances involved is absolutely necessary. A productive life is guaranteed if orders are obeyed, and "much fruit" will result from your work. If interested, contact:

JESUS CHRIST ▼

By Rev. Dave Hocking, Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS of the ROMAN CATACOMBS and What They Reveal

The catacombs of Rome, burial places of innumerable Christians of the first three centuries, are replete with inscriptions, pictures, objects, and symbols which set forth the character of the faith of the Christians of these early centuries. Such factors demonstrate clearly that these Christians possessed a simple faith based on the Word of God. This faith was free from the complicated ceremonialism and liturgy that developed in later centuries and which resulted in clouding the faith that was such a vibrant influence in the life of these early believers.

Much of the symbolism that has been brought to light demonstrates the evangelical character of their faith. This symbolism is so multitudinous and varied that in order to obtain an adequate idea of its character one need to study such comprehensive works as De Rossi's *Roma Sotteranea and Inscriptiones Christianae* or W. H. Withrow's *The Catacombs of Rome.*

Let me present several of the most meaningful of these symbols and consider their significance.

The Fish

First, the symbol of the fish. Nearly a hundred examples of it have been found. This symbol is doubtless derived from the acrostic which is formed from the first letters of the Greek title of our Lord, namely, *Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Saviour.* This makes the Greek word *ichthus,* fish. It is first mentioned by Clement of Alexandria (150-215). Tertullian (160-220) refers to it in his discussion of baptism as follows: "We are little fishes in Christ our great fish. For we are born in water, and can only be saved by continuing therein [that is, through the spiritual grace of which baptism is the visible sign]." This symbol occurs rudely sketched on funeral slabs, sculptured on the sarcophagi, molded on lamps, engraved on rings and seals, carved in ivory, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones, and cast in bronze or glass. This symbol often appears along with other Christian emblems, such as the anchor or dove, indicating that the deceased rests in Christ in hope and peace. Sometimes the fish bears a wreath in its mouth, perhaps in allusion to the crown which Christ will give to all His faithful followers.

There was wrapped up in this symbol what the Lord Jesus Christ meant to the Christians of the first three centuries. He was their divine Saviour, their hope, their all. In it with wonderful brevity and distinctness is expressed their faith in the Son of God in His two natures.

The Lamb

Second, there is the symbol of the lamb. One such representation presents the lamb with the Greek letters Alpha and Omega upon his head, emblems of his divinity. He is standing on a hillock from which flow streams of water, probably the "river of water of life . . . proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22:1). What a testimony to the heart of the Scripture is all this! The manifold sacrifices of the Mosaic system pointed to the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, the true Passover of mankind. The lamb is central in Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation it walks across the sacred pages. Multitudes of prophetic utterances and



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bloody sacrifices find their fulfillment in "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). In harmony with this central truth of Holy Scripture, Christians of the early centuries oftimes portrayed the lamb as the appropriate symbol of their abiding faith in Another for their salvation.

The Shepherd

Third, there is the shepherd. Again and again in the gloomy crypts which housed the bodies of departed saints there appeared representations of Christ as the Good Shepherd. Sometimes He is found rudely scratched on funeral slabs, at other times elaborately sculptured on sarcophagi, molded on lamps and vases, graven on seals and rings, or prominently featured in frescoes.

He is generally surrounded by a group of fleecy followers. In two of these symbols depicted in Withrow's book, aforementioned, pages 245 and 246, the Good Shepherd carries a sick or wounded sheep upon His shoulders. In some instances the sheep are feeding in the Shepherd's presence. In others they are reclining at the Shepherd's feet. In all of them they are the subjects of the watchful Shepherd's care. By its presence in these caverns of the dead, this symbol seems vividly to reflect the words of the Shepherd Psalm, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4).

The Dove

A fourth symbol appearing often in the catacombs is the dove. The dove is the perpetual synonym of peace. In fact, the word "peace" is frequently annexed to the pictures of the dove in the catacombs. The dove usually bears in its beak or claws an olive branch, the sign of the retreating waters of divine vengeance from the face of the earth. It is, then, as Tertullian expresses it, "the herald of the peace of God." Sometimes it is seen sitting on the arms of the cross, thus reflecting the scriptural idea that through the death of Christ peace was purchased for the guilty sinner.

The dove in the catacombs was also used as the symbol of the Holy Spirit in representations of the baptism of our Lord. It can readily be seen, therefore, that the symbolic dove has a twofold story to tell, a story of peace *with* God, purchased at Calvary, and of the peace *of* God which believers may experience in their daily living through the Spirit's presence.

The Ship

Fifth and finally, but by no means exhaustively, there is the symbol of the ship. The idea expressed in this symbol is that of pilgrimage. This world is not the believer's home. He is just passing through it and expects confidently to arrive in an eternal harbor to cast his anchor. Tertullian has a beautiful passage in his *De Idolatria* which describes the metaphor: "Amid the reefs and inlets, amid the shallows and straits of idolatry, Faith, her sails filled with the Spirit of God, navigates; safe, if cautious, secure if intently watchful." Sometimes the ship appears as a type of the church, which passes through this world as a witness for God and which in a glorious future day will arrive in the presence of God "holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).

The symbols employed by the Christians of the early centuries bear testimony to a vital, evangelical faith. In connection with the death of their loved ones they set forth in pictorial form the character of their simple faith. The fish, the lamb, the shepherd, the dove, the ship and many other symbols tell the story of trust in the fundamental verities of the Christian message. ▼

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Roanna Glynn O'Neal and James Earl Brazeau, Aug. 28, 1965, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Toby Lee Putzey and Craig Martin Michael, Nov. 6, 1965, Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.

Donna Mae O'Neal and James Allen Speer, Dec. 4, 1965, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Marie Wigfield and Michael McNeal, Dec. 4, 1965, Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

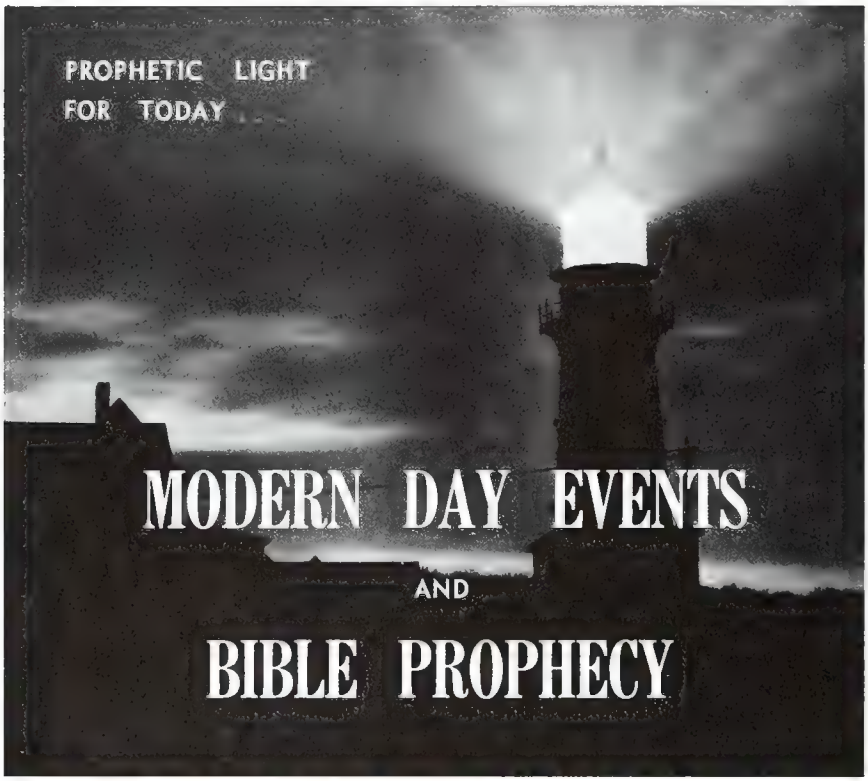
Bette Hayman and James Rupp, Dec. 19, 1965, First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

Linda Conner and Larry Biliter, Dec. 21, 1965, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Terry Williamson and Sidney Kellison, Dec. 25, 1965, Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio.

Linda Campbell and George Murison, Dec. 27, 1965, First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

Mary Luke and Manoug Hagopian, Jan. 22, 1966, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.



By Dr. Charles W. Mayes

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Long Beach, California

It is of great importance that the Brethren across our land have a real understanding about what is coming to pass in today's ecclesiastical world. We dare not be unconcerned. Sooner or later the conflict will be forced upon us. Before that day comes, it is far better for us to be informed about the ecclesiastical movements.

The World Council

Frequently pastors are asked, "What is the World Council of Churches?" This is a world organization made up of certain religious groups in the United States which are associated with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Along with this, there are the Russian, Rumanian, Bulgarian and Polish Orthodox churches. Thus, it is easy to see that the World Council is not a group of Protestants, because Protestants are already outnumbered.

At the World Council of Churches meeting at New Delhi, a report showed that "No definite program to fuse Christianity with the 'conflicting belief' of the pagan religions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, etc., was discussed by the W.C.C. at New Delhi, but an inclination to syncretism seemed to be in the minds of several leaders and we can look for more statements in the future on syncretism." Syncretism is defined as "the reconciliation or union of conflicting beliefs." This is a term which is now becoming increasingly popular referring to all religions.

From the Official Guidebook at New Delhi comes this statement: "Within the Christian church the danger has constantly arisen that in seeking to establish or to proclaim the uniqueness of its Lord, it disparaged all other lights and belittled them. That is not Jesus' way at all. He does not regard the world as such as being equally dark everywhere. . . .

"There are lights in the world; that we can say without hesitation, and people who do anything to battle against the darkness of the world deserve our respect, perhaps our admiration, whether they have devoted themselves to the task of bringing light into the darkness of the world as pious seekers after God, as deep thinkers or as powerful molders of human life. . . .

"We cannot evade the stumbling block this may raise by pretending that *He* is only *one* light among others. He has no intention of competing with the lights of this world."

Toward Ecumenism

While the non-Roman World Council is talking about a world church, the Roman Catholic Church is also promoting its ecumenical movement for a world church. At the same time, many Protestants and Roman Catholics are courting each other in conferences, special meetings and dialogues. Church union is in the air.

A news item from Rome, Italy, states, "Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant religious leaders prayed together with Pope Paul VI that one of the aims of the Second Vatican Council might be fulfilled—that all who bear the name of Christian might be gathered together once more in one fold."

Another news item from Pueblo, Colorado, states, "The Pueblo diocese has joined the Council of Churches of Pueblo, which was formerly an all-Protestant group. The diocese was accepted by unanimous vote of the council's executive board. The only other American Catholic see which has joined the council of churches is the archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, which joined in December, 1964."

Where Headed?

From this information, it is not hard to see where the World Council is headed. It has now included the National Council of Churches in America, which would be called Protestant, and the Eastern Orthodox churches, which are very similar to Rome although they do not recognize the Pope; and the plan is apparently being proposed that all religions may be included. If we want to know how this coming world church foretold in the 17th chapter of Revelation can be brought into existence, here we have some practical information. ▼

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EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

A Heart for God's Work

The heart, biologically speaking, is a most vital organ in the human body. Its function must be proper to insure the normal operation and actions of the human body. Spiritually, the proper condition and operation of the heart are vital to a man's proper conduct and his relation to God.

The word "heart," in the Bible, is used to describe the moral center of man. Out of the heart emanates the devotion and love of man for God, others, and material things. Character in the Bible is developed from the heart —i.e., "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jer. 17:9-10).

The heart is a revealer of the moral nature of man. "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).

The heart is that essential part of man with which our Lord is vitally concerned. He carefully considers the "thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). God refers to this relation with the heart over one thousand times in His Word. How different, then, is man's view of man. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7).



COVER PHOTOS

Featuring two more self-supporting churches for 1966: the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pennsylvania, and the First Brethren Church, Grandview, Washington.

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It follows, necessarily, that our Lord's children must take great care in their heart's concern for the Lord's work. If we desire a close and intimate fellowship (sharing together) with God and His work, extreme care must be taken to use every available source of knowledge, spiritual help, and devotion to keep that relationship precious or, as the hymn writer has expressed it, "Near to the Heart of God."

The heart of God toward man is revealed in His covenants, as the Bible indicates. "God said in his heart, I will. . . ." His heart is revealed in His grace, His love, His long-suffering and in the gift and compassion of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the lost.

Therefore, as God's children we must, out of pure gratefulness, love, and faithfulness, show a vital interest in God's world-wide ministries. Our prayer ministry for every phase of God's endeavor is needed. Our heart interest in God's servants, their welfare, their work and their needs is essential. Our gifts to provide for their support, for further extension of the gospel testimony world wide cause God's heart to rejoice. Our efforts to win the lost to Christ will cause even the angels to rejoice in heaven. The conduct, attitude and devotion emanating from our hearts either gladdens or grieves the heart of God.

Occasionally we hear of some child of God who refuses to support an organization with all its dependent personnel. It may be because of disagreement of policy, or it may be a case of arriving at a conclusion without all the facts, or it might even be a personality difference. This problem becomes increasingly serious if this person is a leader and is guiding a group of believers. Withholding vital missionary information, promotional data and prayer support may have serious and lasting implications. Certainly such a decision must emanate from the heart. *Brethren, such things ought not to be.* They will not escape the knowledge of God, for He is able to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

During 1966, if God tarries the coming of His blessed Son, it will be our privilege to support God's world-wide ministries through Brethren channels in foreign missions, home missions, Grace Schools, Brethren publications, Brethren Sunday schools, youth work and evangelism. We trust that petty griefs and prejudices will be laid aside and our true heart's devotion and love to God, born out of gratefulness, will be revealed continually. By God's enabling, let us share abundantly in the support of His missionaries, His servants, in the spread of the precious Word of God to this needy world. ▼

Continued Blessing-Story of Hatboro Brethren

By Pastor William A. Steffler

Seventeen miles north of the great historical city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is located the Suburban Brethren Church in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. We are just on the border line between Hatboro and Warminster, the fastest growing town in the eastern section of Pennsylvania. The potential for future growth of this church is tremendous.

It was exactly ten years ago, January 12, 1956, that a small group of eight people met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Schulze, 504 Preston Lane, Hatboro. The Schulzes were then members of the Philadelphia Third Church. Rev. Robert D. Crees (pastor of the Third Brethren Church) and his wife met with this group to help get them started. Brother Crees and Brother William Male, now academic dean of Grace College, who was then pastor of the Philadelphia First Church, did much to encourage these people in the early days.

The second meeting was to have been held a week later, but a snowstorm made this impossible. It was not until January 26, 1956, that this little group was able to get together again, this time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anthony, who also were members of the Philadelphia Third Church. At this meeting they set a goal of establishing a Brethren testimony in the Hatboro area. There was much enthusiasm and a determination to get things started immediately.

May 31, 1956, they organized themselves into a Brethren church. This was done under the leadership of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Twelve signed their names as charter members. A full slate of officers was elected. (It is interesting to note that all these officers are still faithful members and workers in the church.) At the same time a building committee was elected, as well as a pastoral committee.

The Philadelphia First and Third Churches, together with the North Atlantic District Mission Board, voted to back this new work financially. We owe much to these who helped so liberally in the beginning of this work.

It was in December of 1956 that Rev. and Mrs. Lester Smitley arrived on the field to assume leadership of the group. Their ministry was effective, and their guidance and help in the early part of the work did much to make this work a well-established Brethren testimony. They still have their membership in this



church, but now they are seeking to start a Brethren testimony in New Jersey. Your prayers for this effort are appreciated.

Meetings were held regularly in the Howard Johnson Motel at the Willow Grove exit of the turnpike. By the end of 1957 the morning attendance had grown to 42. The Sunday school grew until we were forced to hold a class in the bar. With no piano, Brother Schulze led the singing by playing his trumpet. Records were used for the prelude and offertory music.

In January, 1956, close to 12 acres of ground was purchased. The location is ideal; those who located this property must have had an eye on the future expansion of this part of Pennsylvania. Later, Mr. Robert Foltz, the Brethren Home Missions Council architect, was secured to prepare building plans.

August 29, 1958, ground was broken. It was on a Friday evening, and after the sun set a full moon came out to smile upon the proceedings. One hundred people encircled the approximate site of the new church. This was a time of great rejoicing. Mr. David Goodling, a member of our Allentown church who had been attending some of the meetings of this new group, interceded with his employer, and use of a bulldozer was donated *free of all charges*. Mr. Goodling, an expert in handling this type of machinery, excavated for the basement.

The Brethren construction crew moved in to erect the building. Again this faithful group was equal to the occasion, and there is now built on these grounds a building that has received many compliments; other building committees have looked at it as they anticipated their own building.

From December, 1956, until April, 1962, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Smitley shepherded the group. At that time, Mrs. Steffler and I arrived on the field to lead these people on in the work which had progressed to a membership of 49.

Many were the needs of this congregation. We needed to do something to attract people to try us out. We needed new hymn books, for the ones being used had many pages missing. We needed folding chairs. There was no organ. A sign was needed to let people know who we were and the hours of the services. Small offering plates must be replaced for the larger offerings which we anticipated. These and many more things were a must, but we did not want to go any further in debt; so we prayed.

The people rallied and they gave. Some of our dear friends in Ohio as well as in New Jersey and elsewhere responded. Slowly all the previously mentioned needs materialized. The church began to look very attractive inside, and the grounds had been

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Above, left: Ambassador, Harry Kolb; High School, William Hetrick; Junior IV, Mrs. Harry Kolb. Right: Choir; Nursery, Mrs. Florence Bates; Primary III, Mrs. Howard Elder.

Below, left: Junior High, Mrs. James Weimer; Junior IV, Mr. Stanley Stauffer; Juni Mrs. William Steffler. Right: Nursery, Mrs. Midge Stroehecker and Mrs. Ed Green; mary I, Mrs. Helen Ranson.







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made attractive with trees and shrubbery. We believe we now have here one of the most beautiful Brethren churches of its size to be found anywhere.

lieve soon the membership will reach the 200 mark. By the grace of God we have reached the place where we can go self-supporting. Bills and building payments are paid on time and, best of all, we are now reducing the indebtedness on the church. Over four thousand dollars was paid on

Home Missions Council has been greatly appreciated. For ten years the Brethren Home Missions Council has been backing this work with money and advice. Your gifts to Brethren Home Missions have made all this possible. Your investments in the Brethren Investment Foundation

Below: Junior II, Bill Shuster; reception of new members.









Above: Primary II, Mrs. Jane Fallenstine; Beginners, Elsie Anthony and Mrs. Stanley Stauffer.

The basement has been divided into Sunday-school rooms, the men and women of the church taking care of this project. Our people have a mind to work and enjoy doing it for the Lord and His church.

Our membership is now 111. New families are attending, and we believe the debt in 1965. Please do not misunderstand; we give God all the glory.

The work is a tremendous challenge, and it is good to see just how the Lord will work when He is given an opportunity.

Your help through the Brethren fund have helped materially. This work is a monument to the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren construction crew.

Keep giving to home missions, and be sure to pray for the work of the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pennsylvania. ▼













God Changed the Grandview

By Pastor George Christie

In 1964 the First Brethren Church of Grandview, Washington, set a goal of going self-supporting by January 1, 1967. God continued to bless, and last July a prayer goal was set to move the date of self-support up to January 1, 1966. God abundantly answered that prayer and, as a result, the church in October voted to go self-supporting January 1, 1966. Since that decision, the Lord has continued to bless. In December the last support was received from the Brethren Home Missions Council.

The church is enjoying its new position among our self-suppporting churches. It is eager to be used of the Lord to aid other groups through Brethren Home Missions and already is looking forward to starting a branch work.

The church in Grandview began as a Bible class in 1954. The first meetings were held in the home of Lloyd Woolman under the leadership of Rev. Harold Painter. Fourteen people from the Sunnyside church were at the initial meeting. By April of that year the class had outgrown its original meeting place and was moved to the home of Mrs. Clara Fuerst. In September another move was necessary, and the group moved to a remodeled school. From this humble beginning, God has raised up the present congregation of 126 members.

In June of 1955 Rev. Robert Griffith was called to be the pastor of the new church. He arrived on the field in August and was greatly used of the Lord in the following years.

It was the fall of 1957 when the present building was

Left column, top down: Mrs. Roy Sharpe, Toddlers; Mrs. Jim Harris and Miss Kethleen Baily, Nursery; Mrs. Ora Gifford, Beginners I; Mrs. Wayne Siereke, Beginners II; and Mrs. Duane Baum, Primary I. Above: Pastor and Mrs. George Christie and family, Rusty Parton, assistant Sunday-school superintendent, and Fred Harris, superintendent. Below: Mrs. George Christie, Primary II.





Self-Supporting Timetable

ompleted and dedicated. By that time the membership ad grown to a total of 58.

In 1962 Rev. Griffith completed his fruitful seven-ear ministry here. Under his leadership the member-hip had grown to 87, the present building had been rected, and the church had become well established.

The present pastor, George Christie, arrived on the eld in June, 1962. God has continued to pour out His essing, and the result has been another self-supporting rethren church.

Each member of the Grandview church is deeply ap-reciative of the help each one of you gave us through our giving to Brethren Home Missions. Each one of you as played a vital part in making our hour of rejoicing ossible. We say, "Thank you, Lord; thank you, Breth-n."

The Lord, and your investments through Brethren Home Missions, have already produced eternal benefits in his place. Three young men have gone out into His rvice, over 150 souls have come to know Him, and hristians have been encouraged and strengthened rough the preaching of the Word. And last, but not ast, well over $16,000 has been given by this con-regation to missions and our various other boards.

It is the prayer of this church that God might continue bless and use us as He has in the past for His glory.

It is our hope that He will give us an ever-expanding rogram of missions, that He will allow us to start other ew works to praise His name. Plans are already under-ay to start a branch work in Mabton, Washington, next nuary, Lord willing.

Our request is that you would continue to pray for us. ▼

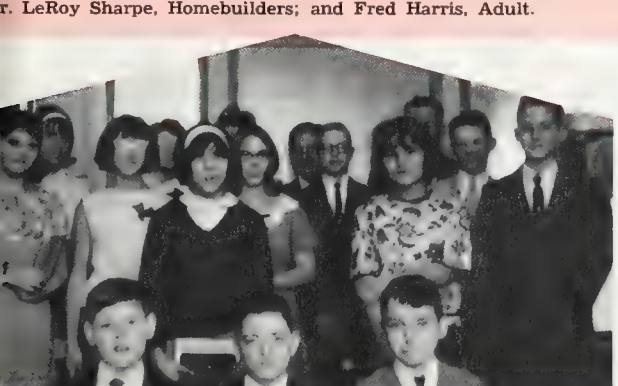








Above: Mrs. Bill Harris, Primary III. Below: Mr. John Comstock, termediates. Right column, top down: Mrs. John Comstock, Jun-rs I; Mrs. Fred Harris, Juniors II; Mr. Don Cowles, High School; r. LeRoy Sharpe, Homebuilders; and Fred Harris, Adult.





ISRAEL CALLS!

I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH JESUS CHRIST!

By Leanore M. Button

"I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ!" How many times, in my 16 years of missionary service to the Jewish people of Los Angeles, have I heard those words! Each time I hear them they shake me to the bottom of my soul.

I think of the little old man with his crisp, gray hair and his clipped, gray beard. Several times I had the opportunity to talk with him in his home, opening up the Word of God to him. He is gone now. His last words are still ringing in my ears. "I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ." It is too late for him, now. He *knows* the truth but it is far, far too late. He *must* now bow the knee to the One in whom he could not believe.

As I look back, I think of the many homes where I have called; I think of the many rejections of literature; of the passive acceptance of others; and of those who really listened because there was a need in their hearts, although they may not have been aware of it.

The Jewish mission field is a great one, but missionaries alone can barely scratch the surface. It is for those in the church, for the believer who knows Jesus Christ personally, to contact the Jew individually, and deal with him through the Holy Spirit of God. In no other way can Jews be reached as effectively with the gospel.

It is not "romantic" or easy to ring doorbells daily and to tell blank faces they are sinners; that there must be a sacrifice for their sin in order for them to have fellowship with God; and that the sacrifice is the blood of Jesus Christ. My own experiences have been many in the past 16 years. One day stands out in my mind as being typical.

The sun was warm in the January sky. Here and there a tiny wisp of a cloud hovered lazily. The street was long and narrow, stretching endlessly, it seemed, as I began at the "top" to make my way down one side. It was an apartment section. Some apartments housed 24 families, some 16, and some only six to eight. Without exception, they were Jewish people.

I have often heard Los Angeles spoken of as a cold, unfriendly city. In spite of this, people were visiting back and forth. To this day I dislike to make the first call of the morning. So, with the usual reluctance, I approached the first apartment. Outside, two ladies were sunning themselves within a stucco fence.

"Good morning," I said, smiling. "I have something to make your day more enjoyable."

They looked at me crossly. Neither answered.

I began to tell them about sin and that we all need a sacrifice for it. At last one said, "We will read it. We will read it." She was brushing me off.

The next apartment was a large one. At 517½ upstairs an elderly man came to the door. His expression was not antagonistic. I explained that the "Mediator" (our contact paper containing a tract) was written by Jewish men who believed Jesus was the Messiah. Would he mind reading it? No, he would not mind. In fact, being in a talkative mood, he told me about a Jewish man in Chicago who had spoken to him about the Lord Jesus.

At this point his wife interrupted him and began to take issue with me in Yiddish. About every third sentence she would say in perfect English, "Why don't you get another job?" Her husband seemed embarrassed and tried to soothe her. She yanked the "Mediator" out of his hand and tore it into little pieces. "Bah!" she said.

I offered him another which he tucked safely under his arm out of her reach. I talked a little longer about real peace with God and the need for fellowship with Him. Then, realizing I was only aggravating his wife, I left. As I went down the stairs she said: "Get yourself another job and stop bothering us!" I grinned to myself as I heard him reply, "Now, now, Sarah. . . ."

Downstairs the lady flatly told me *no* and banged the door shut. At the apartment across the hall, an elderly lady accepted the "Mediator." As she did, the door across the hall opened again.

"I'm going to tell the Rabbi on you, Tillie!" Bang! went the door. The man from upstairs was now down on the walk reading the "Mediator" with obvious interest.

On a cross street at 8333 an elderly man opened the door. The record said he had refused the literature the last time. He was friendly until he saw what I had.

"What do you want from me?" he asked. "Do you want me to believe in your Jesus?"

I told him our interest was getting Jewish people to read the Tenach (Old Testament) and to realize God says we are all sinners and we cannot have fellowship with Him without the proper sacrifice for our sin.

"I know all that," he said. "We Jews don't need you to tell us what to do."

"Do you have a sacrifice for your sin?"

He shrugged. "Who knows? Okay, so I'll read it. Now what else do you want from me?" He grinned. "Okay, okay, go give out your little papers. I'm a busy man." Gently, but firmly, the door of 8333 closed.

At 8370, some thirty calls later, I found another upstairs apartment. On the door was a small grill about the size of a 50 cent piece. When I rang, it was opened to reveal a round, brown eye.

"What do you want?" The voice sounded young and anything but friendly. I held up the "Mediator." "I'd like to leave this little paper with you," I said to the eye.

"If it is about Jesus Christ, I don't want it. I don't want anything to do with Jesus Christ."

There was no point in trying to talk with an eye and the door was obviously not going to be opened. The card said: Refused "Mediator." Wants nothing to do with Jesus Christ.

I looked at my watch. It was now

11:15. I debated for a minute, standing on the curb. Should I do another block and run the risk of getting into a long conversation just at lunch time or should I stop and look for my husband who was calling a few blocks away? I decided on the former, noting there were only five houses remaining in the next block. Some had been cleared away for the erection of a new apartment building.

An elderly man was coming down the walk. "Are you 8381?" I asked.

"What are you, a missionary?" He eyed the "Mediators" under my arm. "If that stuff is about Jesus Christ, I don't want it!"

I tried to talk to him but he growled at me: "Go to the Christians!" and walked away.

Next was another elderly man. I had no sooner offered him a "Mediator" than he began to scream at me. The sum and substance of his anger was that I had ruined his entire day because I was trying to convert Jewish people to my belief.

I tried to calm him, because he was quite loud. "Have I asked you to do anything but read a little paper?" I asked. "You don't have to agree with it, you know. You read many things with which you do not agree, I am sure."

He wasn't listening. "You don't find Jewish people out banging on doors trying to sell their religion, do you? No, they have more sense. They mind their own business as you should be doing." By this time he was screaming again.

"Do you want your neighbors to hear you?" I asked. Then, as he quieted a little, I told him that Jews today couldn't "sell" their religion because they had no hope to offer a lost, weary world. He began to scream again.

"I won't talk if it upsets you so," I said, preparing to leave.

"No, wait! See this ring?" He showed me a ring with a triangle on it. "You would be surprised if you knew what it stands for."

"Tell me."

"No, I took an oath not to talk about it. You wouldn't understand, anyway. Why should I tell you? Do you know why I don't believe that trash? I have four degrees after my name."

"Do they make you happy?" I asked him. He didn't answer but I was beginning to understand him. "You had better ask yourself some questions. Ask why the name of Jesus sends you into a fit of anger. It isn't me you dislike—it is the One I represent. You can't see God; you can't feel Him; you can't understand Him; so you don't believe He is. Even with your degrees, God eludes you."

His mood changed. "How do people receive you?"

I shrugged. "Some are interested; others don't want to be bothered; but mostly they are willing to read the 'Mediator.'"

"How much are your little papers?"

"Nothing. They are free, like God's gift of salvation."

He didn't smile. Gruffly, he said: "Give me one of those papers."

On the way home my mind kept going back to those who said: "I don't want anything to do with Jesus Christ." In spite of the warm sunshine, I shivered. How do you live without Him! I still remembered the days when I, myself, did not know Him. I could still remember the unnamed fear that went to bed with me each night; the days when there was something missing, though I didn't know what. People can always fill their days with material things—ah, yes, but the nights are when you are alone—alone. . . . Jewish people who want nothing to do with Jesus Christ must have the same fears. Each time I put away the little record cards I think: "This day is finished. With it has gone, perhaps, the last opportunity some of these will ever have to hear about Him. The saddest words they will remember are: 'I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ.'"

It is a well-known fact that there are never enough missionaries to go around. How, then, can missionaries to the Jewish people cope with the great numbers of Jews who will go into eternity lost without Christ? The only possible solution is for members of churches to get a real vision of this vast mission field. It is up to them to seek out their Jewish friends and neighbors by *individual contact* and to seek to win them to Jesus Christ by the help of the Holy Spirit of God. ▼

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CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE! The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. has mailed a packet of Vacation Bible School information to all pastors and Sunday-school superintendents. Additional packets will be sent to VBS directors or to anyone requesting them. Merely address your postcard to Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Last year a new record number of churches in our fellowship purchased their VBS materials from the Brethren Missionary Herald, and we praise the Lord for this fine response. Again this year, the Missionary Herald will pay postage on all orders and accept *collect* long distance phone calls for rush orders. Remember . . . the income from your purchase assists your Brethren publishing house in its literature ministry. Thank you for your patronage.

VIET NAM. Chaplain James Hutchens, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Ill., has completely recovered from the leg wound he had suffered on Nov. 8. He is currently back on duty, traveling by helicopter with the men to the front areas. Because of the unusual nature of the war in Viet Nam, Chaplain Hutchens states that in order to minister to the wounded and dying it is necessary for him to go with the men to the areas of action. (*TIME* magazine and a national news syndicate recently ran feature stories regarding Chaplain Hutchen's ministry.) Continued prayer is requested for his safety.

ASHLAND, OHIO. In order to make a greater impact on the young people of the Grace Brethren Church and to give the people of the church more time with their families, the pastor's Bible study hour, Boys Brigade, Sisterhood, Jet Cadets, and Missionary Helpers Club are now meeting on Wednesday evenings. In each group, in conjunction with the individual programs, a time of prayer is enjoyed, so that Wednesday night will not lost its significance as a night of prayer. The first time this new program was put into practice there were 107 present. The congregation recently honored Tom Bump, their music and youth director, with a food shower; Mr. Bump is a graduate of Bob Jones University and entered Grace Seminary for the second semester this year. Special meetings are planned for the week of Palm Sunday to Easter, with Dusty Rhoades as the guest evangelist. Jack Peters, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Younkin, of the Meyersdale Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. On Feb. 6 a color film, "The Paul Carlson Story," was shown. William Snell, pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE. Recent missionary speakers at the Grace Brethren Church were Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever (Africa), Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill (Argentina), and Rev. Robert Cover (Argentina). William Schaffer, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Mansfield Christian School, operated by the Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, pastor, exceeded their Christmas offering goal by over $100; they sent a check for $405.70 to be used for the new school building of the Christian school in Belem, Brazil. On Jan. 23 the Lancers, Grace College basketball team, participated in a meeting with the young people, after which they presented a program in the Sunday evening service.

LAKEWOOD, CALIF. The new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Artesia is Rev. Robert L. Bates, 11873 Dune St., Norwalk, Calif. (Tel. 213-863-4366). Please note this in your *Annual*.

WARSAW, IND. The Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church observed its tenth anniversary on Jan. 30; Rev. Clyde Landrum, the first pastor, spoke in the morning hour and Dr. John Rea in the evening. In a special anniversary service held in the afternoon, Rev. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, presented the message. The Christian Service Brigade group in the church was recently officially chartered. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. Beginning Feb. 2 the La Loma Grace Brethren Church enjoyed an eight-day period of missionary emphasis, with a number of missionaries present. Special features included two missionary forums and a youth missionary dinner for high school and college-age young people. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Evangelist Ron Thompson held a series of meetings at the First Brethren Church Jan. 2 to 9. Pastor Glenn Moore reports that attendance was excellent, with a high of 162 and an average of 130. There were 11 decisions for rededication and four for salvation. On Jan. 16, eight were baptized and taken into the membership.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Dr. Horace Dean, outstanding leader in evangelism and personal soul-winning, opened the missionary conference of the First Brethren Church Saturday morning, Feb. 13. W. A. Ogden, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Evangelist Dusty Rhoades, a former professional organist, held a revival crusade at the First Brethren Church Jan. 20 to 30; he played the organ and preached each evening and conducted a Bible study each morning. The Moody Chorale is to pre-

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Winona Lake, Ind.	March 20-24	Charles Ashman	Dr. David Allen
Hollins, Va.	April 3-10	William Byers	Leo Polman
Dayton, Ohio	April 10-15	Forrest Jackson	Lehman Strauss

sent a sacred concert at the church on April 6. Mark Malles, pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Dan Grabill, national youth director, was speaker for the midweek service of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church Jan. 13. The following Friday there was a time of fun and fellowship for the young people with Dan in charge. He was also speaker at a young people's banquet which included two other churches. Other recent speakers at the church have been Miss Edith Geske, missionary on furlough from Africa; Rev. John Schumacher, Brethren chaplain stationed at Fort Meade, Md.; and Mr. W. L. Simmer, director of the Good News Mission in Arlington, Va. John Burns, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Dr. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, conducted a "Pastors'-People's Conference" Jan. 25 to 30 at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church; the program was especially designed to aid pastors and church leaders. Each evening symposiums were held for each leadership group in the church; Christian films were shown for the benefit of those not involved in the symposiums.

BERNE, IND. The Bethel Brethren Church, Kenneth Russell, pastor, cooperated with Union Evangelistic Meetings held Jan. 9 to 16 in the First Mennonite Church of Berne. Featured at the meetings were Jack and Rexella Van Impe; he is an evangelist, accordionist, and TV personality, and she is a pianist and vocalist.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dr. John Whitcomb, a capable author, speaker, and seminary professor, was guest speaker at the Third Brethren Church, Jan. 16. Robert Kern, pastor.

KENT, WASH. The second annual missionary conference of the Grace Brethren Church was held Jan. 16 to 18, with Rev. Jack Churchill, Rev. Robert Cover, and Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever as the speakers. Phillip Simmons, pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. In choosing a project for their Christmas offering, the Clayton Brethren Church decided to donate their gift of $321 for a particular need in the Taos, N. Mex., Brethren church. Pastor William Howard has been called for another year with an increase in salary.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. Dr. C. H. Ashman has been named minister of visitation for the Grace Brethren Church here. Forest Lance, pastor.

FORT LEWIS, WASH. Chaplain Emlyn Jones, stationed at Fort Lewis, is experiencing the blessing of the Lord in conducting services for the personnel of his garrison. The Commander of the 32nd Artillery



(U.S. Army Photo)

Battalion has expressed special gratitude for a chaplain who presents the "old, old story" rather than the philosophies of men. Chaplain Jones has been able to enjoy fellowship with the Brethren of the Northwest District and has attended some of the ministerial meetings. On Jan. 14 he participated in the ordination service for missionary candidate Edwin Johnson at Seattle. He is temporarily attending the United States Army Chaplain's School in New York.

TROY, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church has voted to give Pastor John Neely a substantial increase in salary and has adopted higher goals for foreign mission giving. On Jan. 30 Rev. Richard Messner presented the work of Grace College and Seminary. Meetings with Ted Dencher, converted Jehovah's Witness, were held Feb. 7 to 11.

SIMI, CALIF. The Simi Community Brethren Church, a district mission church, was officially dedicated Jan. 23. Elmer Fricke, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. Randall Poyner was guest speaker for the 31st anniversary celebrations at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church. The following Sunday the Grace College basketball team members were in charge of the morning service. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Dodds, Bel-Air Mobile Ranch (No. 39), Cherokee Rd., Stockton, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Hall, 1609 Jadwin Ave., Richland, Wash. 99352.

ELKHART, IND. The Grace Brethren Church here cooperated with the Goshen Brethren church for a youth banquet at Goshen Saturday night, Feb. 5. The church reports that 157 have enrolled in a free Bible correspondence course from Moody and that 86 have completed the course. Because of a conflict, Dr. Nathan Meyer has changed the dates of his meetings here to March 13 to 20. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. A youth revival was held Feb. 18 to 23 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, with Rev. Tom Foy as evangelist. Neil Beery, pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Rev. J. L. Gingrich, a retired Brethren pastor who is still active in the work of the Lord, spoke at the First Brethren Church here Jan. 30. Pastor Kenneth Ashman has been called to serve the church for his 21st year.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Winona Lake Brethren Church has voted to build a new church building, which will be located on the corner of 13th St. and Kings Highway. Estimated cost of the building and furnishings is $188,000. The tentative schedule recommends the beginning of construction in May, 1967, with completion set for May, 1968. Charles Ashman, pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. A January Sunday-school seminar at Arrowhead Springs sponsored by Scripture Press was attended by Pastor Gerald Polman, of the Rialto Brethren Church, and Sunday-school superintendent Jay Stockwell.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Rev. John Zielasko, missionary to Brazil, took part in the Wednesday evening serv-

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CHRIST'S WAR ON POVERTY

By Rev. Wendell E. Kent

Pastor, Washington Heights Brethren Church Roanoke, Virginia

Suddenly the spotlight is on poverty in America. Our President has made it a major goal of his administration to stamp out poverty in this country, at least in certain places where the standard of living has been consistently low for many years. We have seen the Job Corps, Operation Headstart, Total Action Against Poverty (TAP), Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), and several other programs come into being. Already 2.3 billion dollars has been appropriated by the government to deal with poverty. We have been told of the crushing burden of poverty that blights the lives of many in Appalachia, and in the ghettos of our larger cities, and along the Mexican border.

We are told that ten million families in America earn less than $60 a week. Almost two-thirds of these get along on less than $40 a week. Thirty-five million Americans are poor.

Now poverty is not a new problem, even though our government may sometimes sound as though they just discovered it. Our Lord once said, "Ye have the poor always with you," and He was certainly right. Neither is the so-called war on poverty a totally new development. There have been attempts to deal with the problem of poverty as far back as history goes. The almshouse and the treadmill are examples of the way they dealt with the problem in the 18th century and we haven't made too much progress yet.

Did you know that Jesus Christ also waged a war on poverty? In fact, His war on poverty is still being fought. You may say that it couldn't be very successful, since after two thousand years we still have poverty; but before you come to that conclusion, let us consider the matter a little.

Let us observe that there are various *kinds* of poverty. Our government seems to be concentrating primarily on economic poverty. The lack of money is some people's poverty. The government is seeking to correct that situation. But Jesus Christ, when He began His war on poverty, started from a different angle. He saw the truth that there is poverty much, much worse than *financial* poverty. And unless you deal with the deeper forms of poverty, more money in the pocket will bring very little satisfaction. So our Lord waged His war on these three "pockets" of poverty—the soul, the mind, and the strength. I think perhaps He was summing up His line of attack when He told His listeners, "This is the first and great commandment. . . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy *soul*, and with all thy *strength*, and with all thy *mind*." He knew that it was in these three areas that mankind was most poverty-stricken.

The Poverty of Soul

This form of poverty is not limited to Appalachia or some other blighted section of the world. It is universal. Our Lord knew this better than anyone else, and so this is where He concentrated His work. He did what He could to eliminate the poverty of soul He saw as the world's greatest need.

The soul of man was created in the image of God. Adam's soul was not in poverty, until he fell into sin. But once he fell, he and all who followed after him were plunged into poverty.

We were made for something better, but sin has left its mark and taken its toll, so that we are impoverished. We were meant to have an unbroken fellowship with our Creator, but sin robbed us of that. We were meant to have dominion over this world, but sin robbed us of that, and too often now this world is our greatest enemy. We were meant to enjoy the blessings of peace and prosperity, but sin has so impoverished us that more often than not we know the devastation of war and the humiliation of poverty. We were meant to reap the bounty of a world created as our garden, but because of sin we must work just to keep starvation off our door step. We were meant to know the assurance of a perfect standing before God, but sin has taken that away so that apart from Christ we stand naked and ashamed before God, just as Adam did. Such is our poverty of soul.

The Poverty of Mind

Consider what most people think about. If statistics reveal anything, they show that a large segment of the population thinks about little more than filth and violence. Pornography is a booming business. In 1964 crime was up 13 per cent, over the year before. The streets of our cities are unsafe to walk at night, and often are dangerous in the daytime. We read of five serious crimes being committed every minute, a murder every hour, an assault every four minutes, a robbery every six minutes, a burglary every 35 seconds. Does it not all reveal the fact that something is wong with the *minds* of men and women? We hear strange things coming from the learned minds of men who should know better, things like the "healthy" benefits to be derived from the "new morality" being practiced on college campuses, and the "wisdom" of allowing our children to run wild rather than risk losing them by discipline. In spite of all man's achievements with his mind, something is still terribly wrong with his thinking. The apostle Paul recognized the problem even in his day, and so he said: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things." He knew the poverty of

mind that existed even then.

The Poverty of Strength

We who pride ourselves on our accomplishments in science and education and government and technology and medicine sometimes need to be reminded of how weak and helpless we really are. Every time one of our loved ones lies sick in bed, every time we stand beside an open grave, we are reminded of how weak we are *physically*. Every time we hear of someone falling into sin—perhaps someone we held in high regard—we are reminded of how weak and poor we are are *morally*. Every time someone pulls a deal under the counter to make himself richer, we are reminded of how weak and poor we are *ethically*. We have succeeded in prolonging life, but sickness and death are still the same problems they have always been. We have succeeded in putting men into space, but we can't lift many men out of the gutter of moral and social ruin. We have a poverty problem deeper than anything the federal government can handle. And this is the war on poverty Jesus Christ came to fight.

The Program of Christ

Notice the steps Christ took to fight poverty.

In the first place, *He became poor himself*. Second Corinthians 8:9 says, "For your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Now when it comes to anti-poverty programs, this is a real switch, isn't it? We do not hear of any of our government bureaucrats offering to be poor themselves if it will help the situation. But Jesus became poor. He gave up heaven itself in order to identify himself with mankind and find out exactly how we live.

In the second place, *He made life worth living*. It is right here that many of our anti-poverty programs fail. Until you make life worth living, more money in the pocket may only increase a man's misery. But Jesus gave some purpose to life. He gave some goal. He gave some dignity. He gave some meaning. Many a person, in a fit of despair, has sat down and wondered—what does it all mean? Is life really worth living? But Jesus showed us that we are here with an opportunity to serve God. We are here to win others to His service. We are here to glorify His name. There is no higher calling.

Finally, *Christ is forming a Great Society*. The church is a part of it. I don't know any better society on earth than the church. But beyond this we have heaven in store. That will be the ultimate in the "Great Society."

Every time a soul is turned to Christ, spiritual poverty becomes spiritual prosperity. The war on poverty is being won. Has it reached you yet? ▼

Church News

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ice at the First Brethren Church Jan. 19. A missionary film, "The Paul Carlson Story," was shown Sunday evening, Feb. 6. Charles Turner, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Los Altos Brethren Church reports the best year financially they have ever experienced. They plan to begin work on a desperately-needed Sunday-school unit in the near future. Jan. 7 to 9 the church participated in a "Tri-city Sunday-school Weekend" with the Seal Beach and Westminster Brethren churches; a banquet was held one evening, with Dr. Harold Etling as speaker; workshop instructors were Rev. Leslie Miller, Dr. Bynum, Alberta Hanson, and Dr. Etling. Harold Penrose, pastor.

RICHLAND, WASH. Rev. Nelson Hall is hoping to start a new church in this area, working on a self-support basis; a Bible class has been in operation for three years.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Betty Ann Camden and Richard A. Shawberry, Jan. 29, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Sylvia Sinner and Roger Grossman, Feb. 5, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ZIMMERMAN, Mrs. Nellie, died Dec. 27. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio; she would have been 98 on Jan. 21. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

MITCHELL, Deborah Ann, infant daughter of Orville and Pauline Mitchell, of Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died on the day of her birth, Jan. 4.
Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

SIEFKEN, August, died Jan. 12; one of his last requests before his death was that his name be placed on the roll of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.
John Mayes, pastor.

MINNIX, Vogel L., died Saturday, Jan. 15. He was a faithful member of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. More than two hundred friends attended the memorial services at the church Jan. 17. Raymond Kettell, pastor.

MEISER, Fred, 87, a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., for many years, died Jan. 15. John Mayes, pastor.

GRIFFITH, Mrs. Frances, died Jan. 19. She had been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1925. Charles Mayes, pastor.

CAMPBELL, Charles, a former member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, died at Pompano Beach, Fla., Dec. 30. Funeral services were held in Dayton.
Forrest Jackson, pastor.

LECHLITNER, Warren C., 73, of Lakeland, Fla., died Jan. 22 in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital. He and his family had been members of our Cleveland Brethren church when Rev. Gordon Bracker was pastor there, and Rev. Bracker was asked to conduct the funeral services.

OVERFELT, Samuel, 86, a charter member of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., died Monday, Jan. 24. His pastor reports that he read his Bible through each year for ten years.
Raymond Kettell, pastor.

THE FINGER OF DOOM?

By Rev. Robert Collitt, Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland

For a long time many of us have been concerned about lagging attendances, especially on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Some have rationalized and said, "Well, we always reach a peak, you know, and then things seem to settle down to normal again." Normal? I could argue that one, but time does not permit. Others, a few, have said that lagging attendance is a symptom of spiritual sickness and that The Brethren Church, as most other churches, is developing sleeping sickness. This appraisal sometimes brings about ostrich-like behavior, as people stick their heads in the sand and say, "Oh, no, impossible!"

Let me relate a recent experience—and I hope it shocks you. Probably it won't, because Brethren insulation is almost shock-proof these days. Recently a Brethren church reported that, unless certain district-wide functions had less spiritual and more recreational emphasis, the young people from that church were not going to continue to attend these functions.

This frightens me!

Were this to have happened in some other group of churches we would shout, "Modernism! Liberalism!" Tell me, friend, what are you shouting now?

Many of our Brethren churches are permeated with an atmosphere of permissiveness. Holiness? Hush! Holiness means Pentacostalism. At least, to many that is what it means. "Be ye holy, even as I am holy" is different from "holiness," they say. One of the prime reasons for the existence of The Brethren Church today is that the Grace group insisted on holiness. Today those who are dogmatic about the things involved in holy living, who take a stand against permissiveness and a stand for holiness, are often labeled legalists.

This writer was not privileged to bear the reproach that was borne by those starry-eyed leaders who paid so great a price when the division took place almost thirty years ago. But if I had, and knew that today, less than thirty years later, one of the churches emerging from that confrontation would be raising the issue of a denominational program's being "too spiritual," I am afraid I would be crushed; I would wonder if it were worth the price.

Earlier I alluded to lagging attendance on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Would your church dare to take a vote on whether or not you should continue these services? Chances are —if you could muster a quorum for the vote— the group would vote in favor of continuing. However, a more realistic vote *is* taken every Wednesday night and every Sunday night as well. And *this* vote says, "Close the doors!" This is a true vote, for "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." When most of our people fail to show up at other than Sunday morning services, there is no doubt as to how they think in their hearts. For it is "out of the heart" that behavior emerges. We give some outward evidence of identification with Christ, but, for the most part, we have uncircumcised hearts.

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?"

Oh, God, make us salty! ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, MARCH 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for our Brazilian pastors who are giving a good account of themselves in places of responsibility.

PRAY for missionary builder Al Balzer and the several projects immediately ahead in the building ministry on the African field.

PRAY with the Don Bishops at Castelar, Argentina, as they are asking the Lord to give them six couples, united and dedicated to Christ, this year.

PRAY for the missionaries and believers in Hawaii as they do a great amount of calling and literature and tract distribution.

PRAY that the ministry in France may be rewarded with genuine spiritual results.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the laymen who have responded to the soulwinning challenges presented by the Director of Evangelism, Rev. Bill Smith.

PRAISE the Lord for the many laymen who took part in church services on Evangelism Sunday.

PRAY that each layman will realize his personal responsibility to Christ and his local church.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, that the results of his ministry at the home-mission workshop in Canton, Ohio, March 1, 2, and 3 will be blessed by the Lord.

PRAY for the crusade meetings of Evangelist Ron Thompson at Mansfield, Ohio, and Alexandria, Va.

PRAY that the Evangelism Sunday offering will be pleasing to the Lord in all ways, and enable an expansion in the ministry of our board.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the spring Day of Prayer, March 31, may prove to be of great blessing in both college and seminary.

PRAY that as the students go on their Easter vacation, they may experience safety of travel and give a good testimony wherever they are.

PRAY for the faculty and others from the schools who will be in special meetings during the Easter week, that rich blessing may result.

PRAY that the seniors in both schools may work toward graduation with diligence and success.

PRAY that the Lord will supply a new library on the campus as soon as He deems best.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for another church going self-supporting in 1966 with San Jose, California, added to the list February 1, 1966.

PRAY for the completion of the Galion, Ohio, church building and the starting of a new one in Columbus, Ohio, by the Brethren construction crew.

PRAY for the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School during this period of transition of leadership.

PRAY for the Arvada, Colorado, and Geistown, Pennsylvania, churches, where changes in pastors will soon be made.

PRAY for the work and workers of the Brethren Messianic Testimony in Los Angeles, California.

SMM

PRAY that our SMM girls may "Search the Scriptures" more in 1966.

PRAY that each girl may give liberally to our foreign mission "Birthday Offering," that the goal of $1,500 may be met to help pay for the higher education of nine missionary children this year.

PRAY for the new SMM group started at Grace College; pray for the leaders.

PRAISE the Lord for His guidance in our National SMM Board meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for wisdom for our superintendents in meeting the challenges and needs of local communities.

PRAY that decisions of the Executive Committee Board meeting might be carried through.

PRAY that the loyalty campaign may catch fire in our churches.

PRAY that proper preparation might be made for Vacation Bible Schools.

PRAY that the financial needs of the National Sunday School Board might be met.

WMC

PRAY for our missionaries in the Central African Republic, that the door will remain open for missionary work.

PRAY for the safety of our missionaries there.

PRAY for our national officers and committees in their planning for next year and their completion of this year's work.

PRAY that local women all over our denomination may gain a renewed vision and interest in this opportunity to serve the Lord. Pray that there might be a willingness to serve faithfully.

YOUTH

PRAY for the young people preparing for National Achievement Competition in August.

PRAY for a real spiritual impact in every youth group.

PRAY for the finalizing of plans for national youth conference.

PRAY continually for the youth of our church.

MISSIONARY HERALD

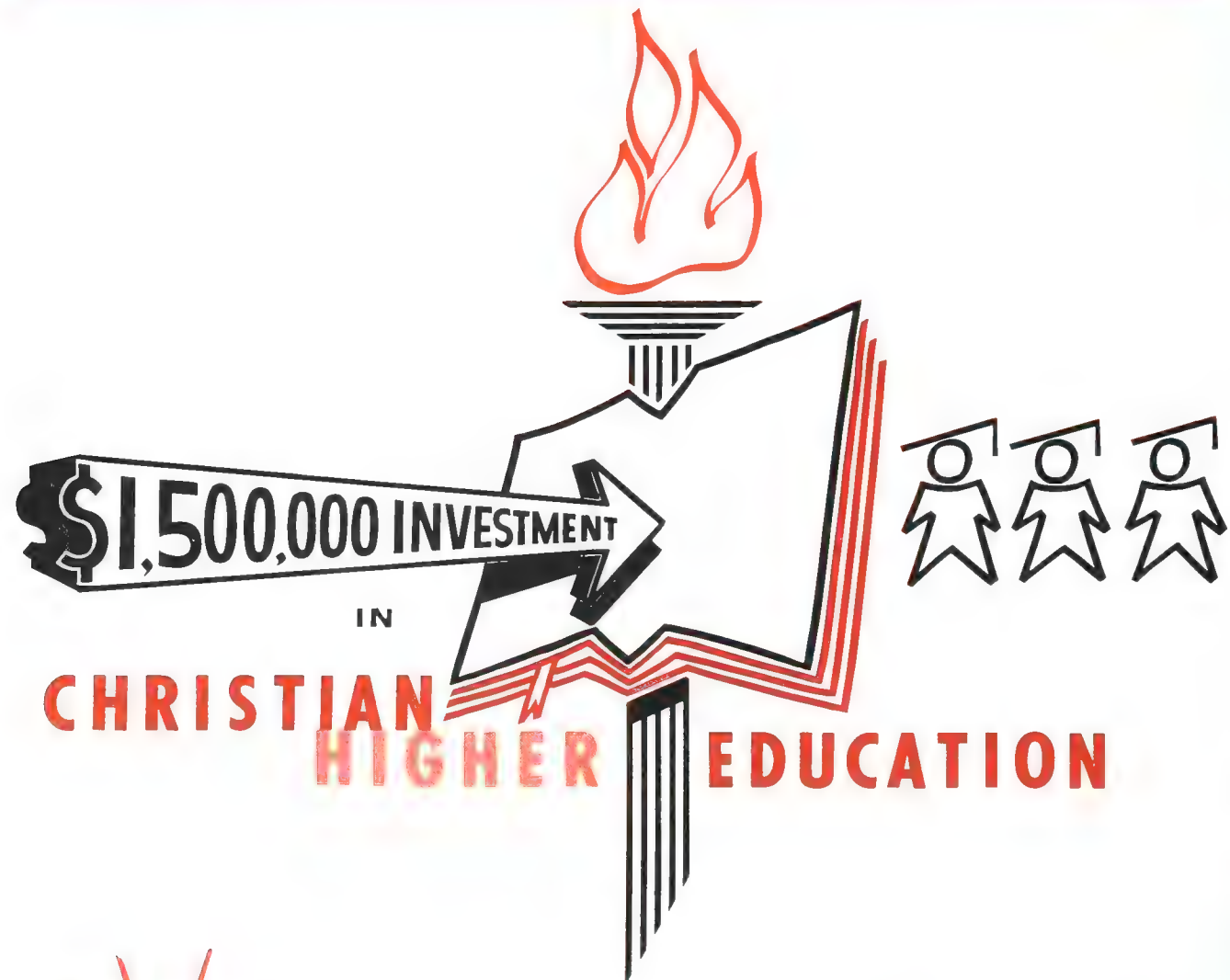
PRAISE God for the recent reports by pastors of victories won which have been the direct result of Missionary Herald publications.

PRAY for the Herald Company as it seeks ways to improve its materials and services for the churches in our fellowship.

PRAY that the writers of our Christian literature may be empowered of the Holy Spirit.

GRACE BULLETIN

MARCH 1966



IMPACT thru LEARNING



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

The decade development campaign is now under way, marking the greatest program of expansion Grace Schools has ever undertaken. This is not to be interpreted as a mere development program for academic achievement. The Board of Trustees, administration, and faculty have in mind a campus expansion program for fulfilling the basic spiritual trust the Lord has committed into our hands.

The Purpose of the Five-year Program

During the next five-year period (1966-1970) it is proposed to raise $1,500,000 to complete the first phase of the expansion program. The following projects comprise this phase. At the head of the list is the *library,* involving building and equipment totaling $650,000. This is a must. Efficiency of operation is seriously impaired now, struggling as we are to accommodate five hundred students in facilities that are adequate for one hundred. Facing an increase of another one hundred students in the next year, and perhaps two hundred by the time we can get a library erected, you can well understand the feeling of desperation that comes over us.

But in addition to the library, there is need for the addition of a *third floor* to the college classroom building at a cost of $150,000; the erection of a *chapel* building ($200,000); the development of an *athletic field* ($100,000); the construction of a separate *science building* ($200,000) and a separate *fine arts building* ($200,000), each of these last two marking only the first phase in the expansion.

The Timeliness of This Building Venture

At this present time the trend in the growth of the student body, both college and seminary, argues strongly for action now. The college student body went up 15 per cent over last year. This rate of growth exceeds even that in the whole state of Indiana, which was only 11 per cent. The seminary went up 25 per cent over the previous year. It is this fact that makes the need for a library such an imperative matter. For both the college and the seminary are now seeking to occupy the same inadequate quarters.

If the present trend in the rate of growth continues, by 1970 there will be a college enrollment of 650 students. By 1975 it will reach a thousand. To wait till then before we do anything will be too late. Now is the time to act, especially since we are living in a time of unprecedented prosperity. Surely the people of the Lord should be buying up this opportunity in view of the lean years that could lie ahead.

The Progress Already Made in Building

Reviewing the past 15 years it is gratifying to see what the Lord has accomplished through His people on the campus of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. In 1951 the first building on the campus was completed, the seminary building, at a cost of $350,000. This same building would cost twice that today. In 1958 the college classroom building and the gymnasium were completed at a combined cost of $400,000. In 1963 the women's residence hall was completed. This building also includes a kitchen and dining facilities, all for the sum of $825,000. During the present year a maintenance building ($10,000) and a men's residence hall are being completed ($225,000).

It will be observed that this reaches a grand total approaching $2,000,000, with value exceeding that figure. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Of this we are certain, for "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." But herein is evidence that the Lord has been prospering this institution, and must therefore intend that it shall perform an indispensable function during these last days.

The Financial Faith-promise Plan

We are building by faith. In the same manner that Grace Seminary has grown since 1937, and the college since 1948, we are asking the Lord for this miracle of $1,500,000, a gift figure unheard of in the history of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build" (Neh. 2:20).

This is a great work, in fact, the greatest of all works, for it is investment in the lives of men and women for eternity. This is just as much a part of the program of missions as any that can be organized. For without prepared men and women there can be no missionary program.

You can help in this expansion program by a dedicated ministry of prayer that the Lord will provide $11,000 in gifts each month to carry on the regular operating expense of the school. In addition, you can pray that the Lord will supply liberal gifts on the part of His people by the faith-promise plan. This simply means trusting God to enable each donor to give an amount to this expansion program over and above his regular gifts to the operating expense of the school.

It is our hope that many will make a promise to give to this work, and see God work the miracle which He is able to do.

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There Has To Be a Reason!

Grace College and Seminary are really made up of two parts—what the schools are now and what they can become. In the Development Department our concern is not so much with what we now are, but with what, under God, we may become. It is not so much the actuality today, but the potentiality of tomorrow with which we are concerned.

The Reason for Being

It is quite logical, I believe, to determine our reason for being before we attempt to give any reason for building. After all, if there is no real reason for our school to exist, an expansion program is foolishness.

In 1937, when the seminary began, and again in 1948, when the college was born, consecrated men of God wanted our Brethren young people to be better prepared to serve our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. From then until this very moment our school has never lost its student-centered viewpoint. An awareness of the potential for God resident in youthful hearts has always kept the administration and faculty united in perspective and purpose.

It is my firm conviction that we must do everything in our power to bring our students to a place where they can personally experience the truths that we hold dear. Our Christian faith and heritage is a sacred trust. We know what we believe and why. We know where we are going. Our position among the floundering institutions of higher learning is unique and we make no apologies for our stand. I hasten to add that we respect other fine Christian colleges, but we know that only at Grace College and Seminary can our young people be trained in *all* the great Biblical truths to which we are committed.

John Gardner, our new Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, has well said, 'Society is producing a lot of dead wood and we must attend to our seedlings. . . . Each generation refights the crucial battles and either brings new vitality or allows it to decay."

This year our student body has overflowed the campus, with some 35 young men living in the Westminster Hotel off campus. Applications for next year are coming in at an unparalleled rate. We are expecting no less than 425 in the college and close to 140 in the seminary. These are Christian young people who represent our "seedlings." *Every one of them is our best reason for being. Grace College and Seminary exist to make available a higher Christian education for our Christian leaders of tomorrow.*

The Reason for Building

Anyone who reads the newspaper does not have to be told that education is becoming increasingly expensive, and the summit is still not in sight! Parents are wondering—"Can we put our children through college?" Students are struggling to keep pace with the rising costs of tuition. Our brotherhood is slowly becoming aware that the young people at college are not paying their way—the college is not charging what it actually costs to educate them—and that our churches should help the college.

But, can our churches afford to give when there are so many other appeals and obligations? And what about the school here—running and running to keep pace, finding itself standing still, gasping for breath just to keep alive!

I must confess that the thought persists—why keep going? Why not solve the problem by committing institutional suicide and not try to build and move ahead. After all, we have some fine facilities now, a good manageable student body, and a small, loyal body of faculty members. Why get all steamed up and try to create problems by building?

The answer to this always comes loud and clear—*we owe our "seedlings" the finest soil and cultivation possible. We must provide our young people with the best tools and facilities available in preparing them for leadership positions.* To attempt anything less would be dereliction of duty.

We are looking for God to touch the hearts of His people with a real burden for what our school can become. It will be a real step of faith for some of you to give Grace College and Seminary a contribution over the next five years in addition to what you are already doing for the Lord, but by faith it can be done. Remember, there is a reason why you should try! ▼



By Richard G. Messner
Director of Development

ESCALATING ENROLLMENT

Seminary

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., Registrar

Total registration for the spring semester at Grace Seminary is 131. This compares with 125 for the first semester which began last September and 100 for the same semester of 1965. In the present registration there are ten new students, one of whom has come from Korea to enter the regular graduate curriculum, and one from India to take postgraduate work.

The total registration includes 115 in the regular graduate program, 14 in the postgraduate program, and two auditors. The present registration is the largest spring registration in many years. Losses from the first semester are very slight, which in part accounts for the rather unusual situation of having an increased registration in the second semester as compared to the first.

The Convocation Chapel was held Tuesday morning, January 25, the day following registration, with Dr. Charles Horne, an alumnus of Grace Seminary and presently instructor of theology in Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, as the speaker. The entire faculty appeared in their academic regalia for this occasion. Dr. Horne spoke on "The Sword of the Spirit" as the indispensable instrument for the preacher's ministry.

Thus has begun the 29th spring semester of Grace Theological Seminary. It has the promise of being the best ever. ▼

College

By Ron Henry, Acting Registrar

In the fall of 1954, this writer dis embarked in Winona Lake, Indiana. Oblivious to the fact of being a member of the first four-year class of Grace College, I was more concerned about being away from Mother for the first time. Important questions, such as who was going to make my bed, confronted my mind.

After becoming acclimated to college and bed-making, I spent a great deal of my spare time in the traditional "bull sessions." In the course of one of these, a starry-eyed visionary asserted that Grace would someday have 300 students. Those of us who were more knowledgeable scoffed at this fantastic prediction. We even questioned the advisability of displaying one's ignorance so openly and boldly.

Years have commenced and concluded since those days of my great "foresight." Now in retrospect, I realize that the speculative scholar of my freshman year was indeed a prophet. Grace has not only reached the 300 student plateau, but plans are being laid preparatory to the time when 750 to 1000 students will grace the campus of Grace. No scoffing is being heard from this corner.

Grace College is the second fastest growing church-related college in the State of Indiana. Our school enjoyed a 16½ per cent increase in enrollment this year. The Freshman class was 36 per cent larger than its predecessor. Twelve per cent of the enrollment came from the homes of Brethren pastors and missionaries.

The prospects for continued growth glow brightly. Approximately three times as many students were already accepted by January for the 1966-67 school year as were approved for this present year by the month of March, 1965. Applications continue to stream into the registrar's office daily.

A further indicator of the acclerated growth is the enrollment for the second semester. Rather than the normal loss of 5 to 6 per cent in student body, Grace actually has an increase for the second half of the school year. There were 35 new or re-admitted students matriculated, making the total enrollment stand at 376. For this we praise the Lord.

As enrollment escalates, the need for increased and enlarged facilities is created. With the help of The Brethren Church and friends, these burgeoning needs can be met. Please help pray and pay for our future. ▼

TAX CREDITS FOR COLLEGE COSTS

By Dr. O. C. Carmichael, Jr.

President, National Committee for Higher Education, Inc.

A plan designed to ease the financial burden of parents of college students and to create new sources for the establishment of scholarships is receiving increasing attention and support from both educators and legislators.

The concept of granting tax credits for some expenses of higher education has had bipartisan backing in both houses of Congress for more than a decade, but has never been enacted into law.

Now there are signs that a tuition tax credit measure may pass in the current session of the 89th Congress.

In 1964, a bill introduced by Senators Abraham A. Ribicoff, Democrat, Connecticut, and Peter H. Dominick, Republican, Colorado, and co-sponsored by 35 senators of both parties failed passage by the narrow margin of 48 votes to 45. The bill has been reintroduced in the present Congress.

During recent weeks added support for tax credit legislation has come from such groups as the Young Republican Federation and the House Republican Conference.

Educators, too, are demonstrating strong backing for the measure. Interim results of a poll being conducted by the Citizens National Committee for Higher Education (CNCHE) of South Bend, Indiana, show that more than 89 per cent of college presidents and trustees responding favor the principles embodied in tuition tax credit.

Educational organizations voicing support for the principle include the Association of American Colleges and the Citizens for Educational Freedom.

The tuition tax credit concept stems from widespread concern over the mounting costs of tuition and fees at both private and publicly supported colleges and universities. Proponents of the measure note that costs have been rising at an increasing rate, and that all evidence indicates that they will continue to do so.

The reason, they point out, is that increased enrollments, necessary increases in faculty salaries, and general increases in expenses have forced annual budgets sharply upward. The increased budgets have been mirrored almost universally in alarming rises in the cost of a college education to the student and his family.

Tuition tax credit was conceived to relieve financial pressure on persons paying for college educations and to reduce the threat of students being priced off the campus.

The measure would permit a credit against the Federal income tax of persons paying for tuition, fees, and other essential expenses of college students.

Advocates of the plan emphasize the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction. Each dollar of credit would reduce a person's tax by one dollar. If a taxpayer owed $1,000 at the end of the tax year and had qualified for a $400 tax credit, he would owe the Federal Government only $600 in income tax. A $400 tax credit would save exactly $400 for the individual whether he earned $5,000 a year or $20,000.

A deduction, on the other hand, would save a $20,000-a-year man more tax dollars than a $5,000-a-year man.

The Ribicoff-Dominick measure—typical of the many tax credit bills put forth by members of both houses in recent years—is based on the first $1,500 paid for tuition, fees, books, and supplies per student at an institution of higher learning.

The amount of credit would be 75 per cent of the first $200 spent, 25 percent of the next $300, and 10 percent of the next $1,000. The maximum credit allowable would be $325.

The tax credit would come to anyone—student, relative, friend, or benefactor—paying the educational costs. Broad assistance in support of the most needy students could, therefore, be generated by the colleges and universities themselves.

In addition, scholarship-holding students from middle-income families could reduce their scholarships to the extent that they received tax

credits. This would permit institutions to make more generous and more selective use of increasingly inadequate scholarship funds.

Opposition to tuition tax credit has come from several quarters. Much has been based on a lack of understanding about differences between a tax deduction—which would tend to favor higher-income taxpayers—and a tax credit—which would save the lower and middle-income taxpayer a higher proportional share of his income.

Similarly, some opposition has been based on the fact that the measure would not help those with incomes too low to necessitate payment of Federal income taxes. Advocates point out that just because a measure helps many people does not imply that it hurts others, that other methods exist to help low-income people, and that, in fact, millions of dollars of scholarship money could be both liberated and generated by the measure to help students of limited means.

Finally, there has been some opposition on the grounds that benefits would be greater for students at higher-priced private colleges than at the lower-cost state universities. The percentage of relief woud be higher at the publicly supported institutions, which are, in any case, increasing their own tuitions dramatically, and are frequently charging out-of-state students nearly as much as private colleges.

Increased understanding of the merits of tuition tax credit is reflected in the results of the continuing CNCHE survey. Of 3,248 respondents to the initial mailing, 2,895 indicate that they favor the principles of the measure.

Trustees of private institutions support tax credit 1,954 to 135, with 38 undecided. Trustees of state institutions favor the measure 305 to 67, with 3 undecided.

Presidents of private colleges and universities are in support by 595 to 44, with 9 undecided, and 42 of 99 presidents of public institutions favor the concept.

Further information on tuition tax credits may be obtained by writing to Citizens National Committee for Higher Education, Inc., P. O. Box 2122, South Bend, Indiana 46615. ▼



Mrs. Boyer and Dr. Boyer examine a relief map of the Near East.

Dr. Boyer To Teach in Jordan

Dr. James Boyer, chairman of the Humanities Division and Bible Department at Grace College, and his wife are taking a second semester leave of absence to teach in the Near East School of Archeological and Biblical Studies at Mount Olives, Jerusalem, Jordan. The spring program of the Near East School, March 11 through June 1, is under the leadership of Dr. Joseph P. Free of the Wheaton College Archaeology Department.

Dr. Boyer will be teaching Geography of the Near East and Survey of Old Testament Archaeology. Although there will be no new excavations, a great portion of the teaching will take place at archaeological digs. One extended field trip calls for a week's study at Petri and the Gulf of Aqaba.

On the trip from New York to Jerusalem, the Boyers will accompany tourists and students traveling under the auspices of the Wheaton College Lands Tour. They are scheduled for a six-day voyage from New York to Naples, Italy, where the group will sight-see four days. From Naples, the tour will sail by Mediterranean steamer to Alexandria, Egypt, and Beirut, Lebanon, then travel by car to Syria, Damascus, and on through Jordan to Jerusalem.

After completing their teaching ministry in early June, the Boyers will spend a week in Israel, after which they will fly for a week's visit in Greece, and then on to Rome and southern Europe. After a brief visit with the Brethren missionaries at the Chateau in St. Albain, France, Dr. and Mrs. Boyer will sail from Cannes, France, for New York, arriving on July 11.

Although this will be Mrs. Boyer's first travel outside the States, she is looking forward to the educational, as well as the relaxing, experience. Dr. Boyer journeyed through Israel in 1958 during a professorial workshop, but he is greatly anticipating the unique teaching ministry on the Jordan side. Already thinking of his academic and extra-academic activities when he returns, he is taking along enough film for about 800 slides.

The Boyers leave Winona Lake by train on March 7, and will visit relatives in Hagerstown, Maryland, before sailing on the SS *Atlantic* on March 11. Anyone wishing to receive a postcard from Palestine should write to the Boyers at Near East School, Box 492, Jerusalem, Jordan. ▼

What Makes a Seminary?

The word "seminary" is defined in *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary* as "an institution for the training of candidates for the ministry." An evangelical seminary therefore is an institution that prepares men for evangelical leadership in the church, whether it be in the pastorate, on the mission field, or in some other phase of Christian service. This preparation may also be applied to the training of women who have given themselves for definite Christian service.

It is true that ofttimes God uses persons in places of church leadership who have not had the benefit of seminary training. However, in these days of specialization the argument is strongly in favor of specialized training for ministers of the gospel. This is found to be true in all other professions. Surely it can be no less true in the ministry, the greatest of all professions. A cabinet maker can do a passably acceptable piece of craftsmanship with dull tools, but he can do himself proud with sharp ones. So with the servant of the Lord. He can minister much more effectively and accomplish much more if the tools of his calling are sharpened. This is what seminary training seeks to do.

Such training enables the potential minister to dig deep into the riches of God's Word and bring forth treasures of truth and blessing for the enrichment of those to whom he ministers. It is not the purpose of a seminary simply to impart knowledge to students who in turn absorb it like a sponge and subsequently squeeze out this same knowledge to their hearers. Students must be provided with the means, the tools, and the techniques whereby they can continually engage in a creative ministry. They must be resourceful, trained to use their own initiative in Christian leadership. The seminary is designed to be a spiritual West Point for the soldiers of the cross.

Assuming that the seminary possesses an adequate faculty, a dedicated student body and the necessary material facilities, that which really makes it effective is its curriculum, or the aggregate of studies which is involved in the students' preparation. After careful study of what should be included in the curriculum, most evangelical seminaries, Grace included, have decided upon certain prescribed courses of study which seem indispensable. *Systematic theology* is one of these. The great doctrines of Scripture need to be learned, as well as the emphasis the Word places upon these doctrines. The minister needs to know how to defend his faith convincingly against all assailants, hence *apologetics* is included in the curriculum. Every minister must be able to give a sound reason for the faith he proclaims. This becomes increasingly true in these days of unbelief and apostasy.



By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

Vice President
Grace Seminary and Grace College

Since evangelical seminaries believe in the divine authority of the Word of God as given in the original languages, a prominent place is given to the study of *Hebrew* and *Greek*. Divine inspiration is related to the giving of the Scripture mainly in these two languages. Much attention, as well, is given to the *English Bible*, in order to familiarize the student with its great message as set forth in both the Old and New Testaments. Entire courses are devoted to such particular books as Daniel, Romans, John, Acts and Revelation.

Time forbids in this short article to dwell on other important studies such as the *history of the church*, *Christian missions* in its various aspects, *homiletics* or the *art of preaching*, and *practical theology*, in which many and varied facets of the pastor's ministry are considered. Much stress is laid upon the individual devotional life through chapel services, prayer-meetings, special days of prayer and conferences of various kinds.

What makes a seminary? In part at least and very importantly, it consists of a Bible-focused, Christ-centered curriculum taught by qualified teachers in an atmosphere of dedication to God and love for His service over a period of at least three intensified years. Even then, many men feel the need of additional years of training in order to fit them for the particular field of His calling. ▼

Our President . . .

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Trust God for Something Like the Following

From large gifts it is hoped that in these five years (1966-1970) $500,000 can be raised. Of the remaining million needed, we expect to see at least ten people who will give $2,000 annually for five years; 20 who will give $1,000 annually for five years; 450 who will give $200 annually for five years; 450 who will give $100 annually for five years; and 500 who will give $50 annually for five years.

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Seminary Plans Pastor's Conference

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

The fourth annual pastor's conference at Grace Theological Seminary, April 19 to 22, is designed to challenge the student body with the opportunities of fruitful ministry in the local pastorate. The continuing need for pastors in our own fellowship, and the inability of the seminary to respond with enough men to answer the many pleas from churches have combined to focus attention upon this vital aspect of the Christian church. If it is right to have a week-long emphasis upon foreign missions within the framework of the academic year, then it is just as appropriate to have an emphasis upon the pastorate. Unless there are pastors, there will not be strong churches. And unless there are churches, there will not be missions and missionaries, and all other phases of Christian ministry will suffer.

It is God who calls men into His service. Yet the present shortage of trained and available men can hardly be due to failure on God's part. It must be that God is calling but some men are not hearing that call. The pastor's conference is designed to give every seminary student the opportunity to consider carefully the possibility that the Lord may be calling him into the pastoral ministry.

Guest speakers are invited annually who have had a wide background in pastoral and related ministries, and can share their enthusiasm and experience with those still in training. Speakers this year are *Rev. John M. Aeby,* pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, who will be emphasizing personal evangelism in pastoral work, and *Dr. William Rice,* pastor of the Inter City Baptist Church, Allen Park, Michigan. Both of these men are alumni of Grace Theological Seminary, whose ministries have been blessed of God, and whose practical experience should be of great benefit to those training for Christ's service. Not only in their formal messages but also their many informal contacts with the students between classes, in the halls, by the coffee urn, or in the lounge, the impact made upon the student body by such men is of great value in stimulating them toward the goal of the minitsry. ▼

OPERATION MOBILIZATION

By David Miller

English and Speech Department, Grace College

During the Christmas holiday vacation, four Grace College students participated in the distribution of 3,000 New Testaments and other Christian literature in Monterrey, Mexico.

Sue Horney, Rita Hoyt, Lynn Hoyt, and Eleanor Mares forfeited their ten-day vacation, working under the direction of Operation Mobilization, an international student movement.

"Operation Send the Light," as the trip to Mexico was called, involved 250 students from colleges and universities all over the country. The purpose of the visit was to sell various kinds of Christian literature translated into Spanish—New Testaments, tracts, books by Billy Graham and other evangelical writers. Rather than giving away the literature, the students sold it at cost or below, thus helping the Mexicans to realize its intrinsic worth.

Each of the Grace students held an advantage over many of the other young people because of their ability to speak Spanish.

Sue Horney, a senior, comes from our Brethren Home Missions work in Taos, New Mexico, where she has been bilingual for 16 years. Sue initiated the interest on Grace campus for O.M., and encouraged the others to accompany her this past Christmas.

Rita Hoyt, a senior, and her brother, Lynn, a freshman, grew up as missionary children in Buenos Aires, Argentina; they have been bilingual since learning to talk. Rita said the most humorous incident occurred when a non-Spanish-speaking student told a Mexican that a New Testament costs three "besos," which means "kiss." The student meant to say "pesos."

Lynn said that the Mexican people were very receptive to the gospel and many accepted Christ into their own hearts for direction in a new life.

Eleanor Mares, a Grace College junior from Taos, New Mexico, was also reared speaking English and Spanish. Eleanor considers missionaries as "special people" since it was through such influence that she became a Christian. The most exciting part of "Operation Send the Light" for Eleanor is yet to come by way of correspondence with Bertha Martinas, a Mexican teen-ager. Each of the 250 students was asked to find one person in Monterrey for a personal follow-up ministry, thus striving to show these people that this American interest is more than superficial.

These four Grace students said they would like to travel to another country next year to distribute God's Word. Several of them are preparing to carry on the same work in a foreign country this summer. ▼



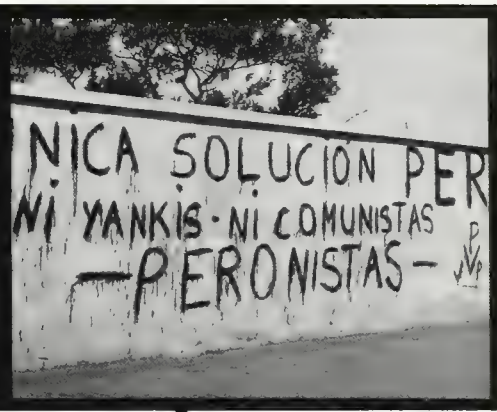
Left to right, seated, are Eleanor Mares and Rita Hoyt. Standing at left is Sue Horney and at right, Lynn Hoyt.

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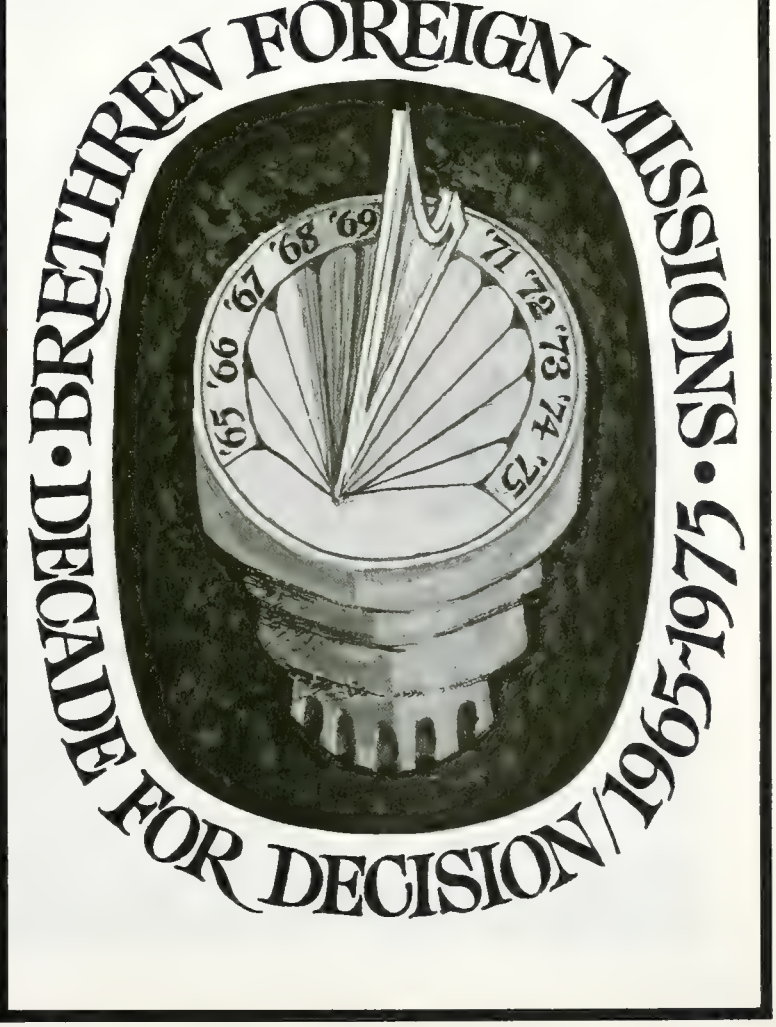
MEMO TO: Foreign Missions Staff

SUBJECT: The Next Ten Years

Through various means in our present . . . we want Brethren Foreign Missions to be geared . . "Space Age" missions. It could be feared geared to the "horse-and-buggy days."

Now God seems to be saying, "Go ahead." . . . also seems to be saying, "Hurry."

New fields. "When?" and "How?" are . . . it is high time we enter some of the different . . . during this 66th year of our history



Thinking On Foreign Missions

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

During our present publicity period, we are emphasizing that Brethren Foreign Missions should be geared to the 'Space Age." A horse and a buggy were fine in the past. But for too long, foreign missions in general has been geared to the "horse-and-buggy days." As a result, for decades world evangelization hasn't matched population increases.

"Go Ahead!" Now God seems to be saying, "Go ahead." That is the same message He gave Joshua ("Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward"). God has also said, "Go quickly, and tell." With the largest offerings during the last three years in the history of Brethren Foreign Missions, God seems to be saying, "Go ahead."

"Hurry!" Yes, God seems to be saying, "Hurry." Even Mark uses such words as "immediately," "straightway," "anon," and "forthwith." Paul and his party heard the call from Macedonia and "immediately" began. *Hurry*—because of the millions dying without Christ. In varying ratios it is said that we are losing out in world evangelization at the rate of 19 to one, or possibly even 100 to one. In other words, more unsaved and untold people exist today than ever before. *Hurry*—because doors are closing in many areas. This was brought home to us forcefully on January 1, when the government of Central African Republic changed. Suddenly no one knew what the attitude of the new government might be. Now it seems the new government is as favorable toward missions as the old, possibly even more favorable. Still, most of the earth's people now live in lands that are closed to the Gospel—unless the Gospel is carried in through unconventional channels. *Hurry*—because our seven fields are still wide open for gospel testimony. Our responsibilities are even greater. At this writing, 39 candidate families are listed with our society. These are God's select folk from our various Brethren churches. Some have little or no Bible training; others have just started. A few will complete training during 1966. We thank God for these candidates, but we pray for more. We need to double our missionary personnel. Even this will reach only a little of the world's available areas.

New Fields. "When" and "how" are in the hands of God. With no new fields opened since 1959, it is high time we enter some of the different, inviting areas of the earth. This will be seriously considered during the society's 66th year. Pray that God's plan will be known and that His people will have courage and grace.

Diamond Jubilee. We are in the decade that will climax with our Diamond Jubilee in 1975. Future events are in the hands of God. Jesus Christ may return long before then. So we should be thinking in terms of more fields, more missionaries, more funds, and many more Brethren people geared to the Space Age in foreign missions. All of these categories should double during this decade. That is little enough in face of the unparalleled opportunity and challenge. Doubling income as quickly as possible is one of the first requirements to doubling all along the line. And it could be done in 1966, in these ways:

(1) Double the donors. About 20 per cent of our Brethren do most of the foreign-mission giving.

(2) Double the amounts given. Most could do it (without any increase in salary) if we really believed it to be God's will.

(3) More Brethren remembering Brethren Foreign Missions in wills and bequests, more arranging an-

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COVER

Plans are vital for an organization to move forward. In this issue (pages 2 to 4), officials of the Foreign Missionary Society look to a Decade of Decision as illustrated in the cover art piece by Don Sterrenburg. Cover photos by Clyde Landrum, cover design by Phil Landrum.

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BY REV. CLYDE K. LANDRUM

The Greatest Cause

YOU CAN MARCH . . . OR ADVISE SOMEONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON HOW TO GROW CROPS . . . DEMONSTRATE . . PARTICIPATE IN A SIT-IN OR EVEN WORK NIGHT AND DAY FOR A CULT.

CAUSES ARE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS, AND PEOPLE ARE RUSHING TO GET INVOLVED. FOR EVERYONE WANTS TO SERVE A CAUSE!

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS IS A PART OF THE GREATEST CAUSE OF THEM ALL —THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. EVERY DAY, SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, A PART IS PLAYED IN ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF BUILDING THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

ACTUALLY, CHRIST CAN BUILD IT WITHOUT US ("I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"— MATT. 16:18). BUT HE PREFERS TO BUILD IT WITH OUR HELP. HE WANTS TO *INVOLVE* US.

FOR 65 YEARS BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS HAS BEEN PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART

in this great cause. And through their participation in supporting the foreign missions program, the Brethren people have joined this greatest cause of all.

Now the challenge looks to the future—to 1975. This will be the Diamond Jubilee year of Brethren Foreign Missions and the three-quarter mark of the 20th century. True, the Lord may come any day and we are hopefully anticipating that occasion. But we must have a plan in case He deems it advisable to leave us here for a longer period of time. We must indeed make this a "Decade for Decision." It must be a time when we shall to a greater extent than ever before do the full work that God has given us to do.

Just what is involved in this "Decade for Decision"?

It must be the decade in which we fully comprehend all that is involved in the Great Commission: "Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature." We must feel in this the heartbeat of God as His great love goes out to a lost world. We must feel the thrill that comes to a child of God who is completely submissive to His will in carrying out this Great Commission.

It seems absolutely essential that we must pass on to our children and to our young people the burden and responsibility for this tremendous task. They need to be taught to be soul winners from their earliest days. For if children and young people have no burden for lost souls here at home, how can we expect them to go across the sea to win the lost there? Or how can we expect them, after they grow up, to have a burden to give and pray for lost souls abroad?



"... Three New Fields ..."



"Please Send Us More Missionaries," Nationals Say.

In our Missionary Helpers Club, and in our teen program, we want to encourage boys and girls and young people—as well as their leaders—to become winners of souls at home! We ask parents, Sunday-school teachers, and all who have a part in the training of these children and young people, to join us in this endeavor. The best way to begin is to set a personal example in soul-winning. Truly, this could be one of the greatest accomplishments in the Decade for Decision.

All of our people—from the youngest to the oldest—must be challenged to begin immediately to pray as never before that we may fully carry out God's Great Commission!

In our praying, we must call upon the Lord to give us more workers to get the job done. When I was in Africa in 1964, the leaders of the African church said to me: "Please tell your people to send us more missionaries. If they will send us the missionaries to train us, we will gladly do the work that is to be done." We must not fail our brethren in Africa or any other fields. The very *minimum* number of workers that the Africa field is asking for is 25, while the field of France says they need a minimum of four couples to help in the work there. Reports from Brazil and Argentina and other fields indicate that we could use a minimum there of 10 to 15 workers. Add to this replacements for those who will retire in the next ten-year period, and you have the challenging figure of 50 to 75 workers needed to do the job. This may seem like an impossible goal, but it is not. Let us wait upon the Lord and do our part to achieve this goal. True, it may call for us to give of our own children to answer this prayer, but what great blessing there would be in that!

If we are to have these workers, we must have the funds to support them. The very least annual amount that would support such a program as this would be a million dollars. So, this is a realistic goal for this ten-year period.

Surely the Lord does not expect us to work in the same place all the time. Therefore, new fields should be entered as God may lead. Three or more fields present challenges right at the present time. It seems that a *minimum* number to be entered in the next ten years would be three. The board has already approved Germany as a mission field, but there have been no volunteers to go. How wonderful it would be to see our Brethren people take the Gospel back to this land from which our people departed in the 18th century!

We do not want to be selfish in all of this; we would like to share our plans with the entire brotherhood. Therefore, we invite all pastors, boards, and workers in any realm to join with us in this vision of tremendously increased accomplishments in the next ten-year period. How wonderful it would be if each group would establish goals for themselves for this period! We invite the moderator to share this message and challenge through his moderator's address at national conference and moderators of the districts in their conferences. With all of the people in the church working together, God will enable us to accomplish great things in the next ten years. ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



BRAZIL



KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES



Brazilian boys outside the mission gate in Icoaraci.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith Altig are called our "pioneer missionaries" in Brazil because they began the Brethren work there in 1949. They had to learn to speak Portuguese, because that is Brazil's language. Icoaraci is the name of the city where the first work was started. A fine church has been built there. This church has a Brazilian pastor now, whose name is Raimundo Cardoso. He loves the Lord, and God is blessing this church.

The Altigs returned to Brazil just a few months ago to continue serving the Lord in that land.

MARY MISSIONARY





The theme was very clear.

Conference!

By George Miley

(Tom Hammers Photos)

"If I understand the imagery correctly, the two figures on this end represent the white race."

The speaker, his back to the audience, faced the large mosaic which had been erected behind the pulpit for this special occasion. On it each of the world's races was symbolized by a pair of figures, and above all appeared in large letters, "I Am Debtor . . ."

"Now I naturally think in terms of Frenchmen," the speaker continued, "and when I came into the auditorium this morning I began to ask myself if these two would make good Frenchmen."

Attention centered on the two figures.

"This first one certainly does not qualify," he said, referring to a figure which resembled an Egyptian mummy, "because he doesn't have any arms—and Frenchmen need their hands to talk."

Some in the audience took ad-



There was a mustache.



Fashions to campfires.



"I am debtor . . ."

vantage of the laughter to change their positions. Anticipation as to what this missionary would say next increased.

"The second one has arms all right, but he wouldn't make a very good Frenchman either."

The gathering looked puzzled.

"He doesn't have a mustache."

Speaker: Rev. Fred Fogle, missionary to France, Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Place: McClain Hall auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Occasion: The annual missionary conference sponsored by the World Missions Fellowship of Grace Theological Seminary and College, November 15 to 19, 1965.

The conference consisted of a full four days of missionary emphasis and challenge, planned and presented by the students themselves. The first of the two sessions each morning featured messages by Henry Owen, secretary for the Midwest with Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and Robert Cover, missionary to Argentina with Brethren Foreign Missions. The theme of the conference, "I Am Debtor," was the subject under consideration daily in the second session, and the responsibility of presenting this Biblical obligation fell upon the shoulders of Mr. Fogle and Jake Kliever, Brethren missionary to the Central African Republic. Each evening one of these missionaries presented specifics relating to the particular field to which the Lord had called him.

In addition to the formal meetings, there were many moments during the conference period which provided opportunity for a more personal missionary-to-student contact. Following one of the evening sessions all the ladies got together for a missionary fashion show in which the wives of the missionaries cooperated with the women students in presenting the various mission fields by the dress worn there. The men, not to be outdone, gathered one morning at 6 a.m. for a continental breakfast, followed by a panel discussion with the missionaries which explored the topic, "A Typical Day on the Mission Field." Conclusion: no such thing.

In the afternoons the missionaries were available to students for personal interviews to discuss any subject which might be of interest or concern. Meals were taken with various students, each married seminarian being anxious to show the guests on campus what a good cook his wife was, and the college students just as happy to eat with a missionary in the college dining hall. The prayer groups which gather every day after chapel to pray for missionaries took it upon themselves to invite the missionary who represented their continent to a meal in the dining facilities.

But perhaps some of the most blessed times of the conference were spent after all the activities of the day around a "campfire" in the seminary lounge when spontaneous singing and testimonies were in order. Students, some with tears, shared what the Lord was doing in their lives with respect to the fact that they were debtors to take the message of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world. Some indicated that they definitely felt this conference had been used of God to show them further His will for their lives.

The 1965 missionary conference is just another example of the emphasis which is placed at Grace, paralleling academic matters, upon the responsibility of each born-again child of God to be a good steward of the spiritual wealth which is his by the grace of God. Surely the theme "I Am Debtor" will remind all of us once again that the precious promise of Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," is followed in Romans 10:14 by ". . . and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" ▼

Thinking on Foreign . . .

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nuity agreements or naming foreign missions as a partial beneficiary in life insurance or other specialized giving.

(4) A new willingness to be unclogged channels. God wants us to have good salaries. But let us allow Him to pour funds, larger amounts of funds through our lives. Let us be so dedicated to His will that when we receive amounts over and above regular income, we will pass the funds on without keeping any part as "carrying charges."

We can count on God if we can count on ourselves. Let's put Brethren Foreign Missions in the Space Age operationally and keep it there. ▼

CHURCH GIVING CONTINUES INCREASE

These churches gave this much more for Brethren Foreign Missions in 1965 than in 1964.

Sincere appreciation is hereby expressed to all Brethren churches for their fine support in 1965!

1.	Dayton, Ohio (First)	$5,294.89
2.	Meyersdale, Pa.	3,438.24
3.	Englewood, Ohio	3,385.66
4.	Osceola, Ind.	3,251.24
5.	La Habra, Calif.	2,786.32
6.	Sunnyside, Wash.	2,194.03
7.	Dallas Center, Iowa	1,812.12
8.	Wooster, Ohio	1,797.93
9.	Bellflower, Calif.	1,765.36
10.	Berne, Ind.	1,601.20
11.	Akron, Ohio (First)	1,528.18
12.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	1,483.55
13.	Covington, Va.	1,279.93
14.	New Troy, Mich.	1,147.50
15.	Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	1,085.13
16.	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	978.11
17.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	854.22
18.	Allentown, Pa.	844.66
19.	Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	818.21
20.	Phoenix, Ariz.	776.00
21.	Elkhart, Ind.	769.59
22.	Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	768.61
23.	Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	720.45
24.	Grand Terrace, Calif.	712.27
25.	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	692.93
26.	Arlington, Calif.	636.80
27.	Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	632.52
28.	Altoona, Pa. (First)	570.26
29.	Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	553.46
30.	Lancaster, Pa.	543.14
31.	Cleveland, Ohio	537.39
32.	Tucson, Ariz.	501.06
33.	Toppenish, Wash.	472.63
34.	Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	472.31
35.	Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	462.94
36.	Canton, Ohio	435.72
37.	Grandview, Wash.	423.38
38.	Davenport, Iowa	415.63
39.	Kokomo, Ind.	410.00
40.	Manheim, Pa.	392.56
41.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	389.49
42.	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	375.08
43.	Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	371.91
44.	Hollins, Va.	355.26
45.	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	352.19
46.	Flora, Ind.	335.25
47.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	325.76
48.	Anaheim, Calif.	325.55
49.	Washington, Pa.	324.97
50.	Yakima, Wash.	305.90
51.	West Alexandria, Ohio	289.43
52.	Aleppo, Pa.	272.17
53.	Limestone, Tenn.	269.68
54.	Wheaton, Ill.	267.58
55.	Jenners, Pa.	266.32
56.	Johnson City, Tenn.	259.64
57.	Galion, Ohio	238.90
58.	Rialto, Calif.	231.33
59.	Peru, Ind.	218.80
60.	Conemaugh, Pa.	182.41
61.	Glendale, Calif.	179.61
62.	Brookville, Ohio	177.79
63.	Glendora, Calif.	169.60
64.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	163.44
65.	Spokane, Wash.	162.18
66.	La Puente, Calif.	150.00
67.	San Diego, Calif.	147.27
68.	Beaumont, Calif.	144.65
69.	Bell, Calif.	134.70
70.	Palmyra, Pa.	131.21
71.	Troy, Ohio	128.78
72.	Lansing, Mich.	128.02
73.	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	126.32
74.	Hastings, Mich.	120.12
75.	Ankenytown, Ohio	110.89
76.	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	107.26
77.	Margate, Fla.	107.09
78.	Fort Myers, Fla.	90.64
79.	Clay City, Ind.	89.00
80.	York, Pa.	87.94
81.	Gardena, Calif.	84.58
82.	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	79.34
83.	Goshen, Ind.	74.36
84.	Albany, Ore.	72.91
85.	Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	72.66
86.	Jackson, Mich.	67.45
87.	Sacramento, Calif.	67.01
88.	Leon, Iowa	51.68
89.	Bothell, Wash.	47.14
90.	Virginia Beach, Va.	36.87
91.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	36.00
92.	Covington, Ohio	35.38
93.	Alto, Mich.	34.13
94.	Duncansville, Pa.	31.89
95.	Grafton, W. Va.	31.83
96.	Everett, Pa.	29.11
97.	Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	23.25
98.	Kettering, Ohio	19.67
99.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	19.09
100.	Sellersburg, Ind.	17.98
101.	Buena Vista, Va.	17.96
102.	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	17.45
103.	Fillmore, Calif.	15.74
104.	Taos, N. Mex.	15.19
105.	Camden, Ohio	11.52
106.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	11.00
107.	Leesburg, Ind.	9.06
108.	Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	8.05
109.	Ozark, Mich.	4.49
110.	Clayhole, Ky.	3.93
111.	Winchester, Va.	3.66
112.	Tracy, Calif.	3.58



SHE HAD COME THROUGH A TIME OF DARKNESS, PAIN. NOW HER DOCTOR HAD GIVEN NEW HOPE.

"THINKING OF TAKING A LONG JOURNEY?"

By Miss Ruth Snyder

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

Seated comfortably in a jet flying high above France's beautiful countryside, the words *faith as a grain of mustard seed* fixed themselves in my mind. It was November 20, 1965. Memories of the events of the past ten months kept parading through my mind.

There was that day in January when I was told to leave my work in Africa and go to the U.S.A. There was that cold, dark night when I arrived in Chicago. There was the difficult day I entered the hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There was the awful knowledge that I had a disease from which no one has ever recovered; a disease which only the surgeon's knife or some other drastic treatment can cure. And so there was the series of three operations. There were days and weeks and months of painful recovery. During these distressing days I often wondered if I could ever return to the work in Africa.

One of the favorite hymns at our station in Africa is "Ho! Reapers in the Whitened Harvest." Singing through my heart and mind in those days was the chorus of this hymn: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." There was not much faith—just enough to keep singing, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." As I thought of the few reapers in the harvest, I could hear my co-workers singing this song. Tears fell daily. Oh, how I wished to be with those reapers!

So it was not great faith, but a little which during weakness, pain, and fear kept on singing. Added to the song was the knowledge that hundreds of people were praying for me.

Then came that wonderful day when the doctor said: "Are you thinking of taking a long journey? If you are, you have my blessing if it means anything to you." Mean anything to me! Without that blessing there could be no journey. Mean anything to me! God had answered the prayers of His children and strength was renewed. Mean anything to me! The waiting was over.

High over France, flying south to the waiting group in Africa, I thought of the grain of mustard seed. True! True! True! Faith as a grain of mustard seed can remove mountains. A little can do a lot.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" How can I thank the doctors and nurses who cared for me with such a personal interest that they now seem like friends? How can I thank the loved ones who showered me with deeds of kindness? How can I thank all who prayed for me by name?

Now today in my warm sunny room in Bozoum I read the rest of the promise: "Nothing shall be impossible unto you." Me, Lord? Nothing impossible for me? Then grant me this one request—may I please Thee all the added days of my life. ▼

CHURCH NEWS

DAYTON, OHIO. The National Cash Register Company is continuing its policy of matching any gift given by an employee to Grace College and Seminary. (Employees of NCR's Dayton main plant and branches across the country are invited to write to the Grace College Development Department, Winona Lake, Ind., for full details of this fine plan.)

LONG BEACH, CALIF. January was a busy month for the Los Altos Brethren Church. Following their tri-city Sunday-school conference with Seal Beach and Westminster Jan. 7 to 9, with Dr. Harold Etling as guest, they held a family potluck to launch an expansion program for the Sunday-school facilities; plans are for a two-story unit behind the present educational unit. When the preliminary plans were presented to the congregation, over $38,000 was pledged in one meeting. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin next summer. On Jan. 20 the church was host to an annual foreign missions banquet, with Rev. Clyde Landrum as speaker; there were 190 in attendance. Then on Jan. 28 Los Altos was again host, this time to a district WMC "Missions for the Family" night. Amazonian in flavor, the program included a potter wheel display, flags of the mission fields, animal skins, and native musical instruments played by Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig and son Howard. Rev. Harold Dunning spoke on "Missions in Your Life and Mine." Harold Penrose, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church here, was severely burned on his right foot while visiting his daughter in Louisiana. He is recuperating satisfactorily.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church is happy to report that eight new members—seven adults and one child—have been received since the first of the year; total membership now stands at 54. The church sent Pastor and Mrs. Charles Martin to a three-day pastors' conference held at Mt. Hermon in January, where Dr. Henry Brandt, well-known Christian psychologist, was speaker.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Ulysses L. Gingrich, 222 E. High St., Manheim, Pa. 17545. Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Dodds, Bel-Air Mobile Ranch (No. 39), 5835 Cherokee Rd., Stockton, Calif. Please change *Annual*.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. Pictured below is a display at the Birthday Missionary dinner of the WMC of the First Brethren Church; theme for the dinner was "A light to them which are in darkness." Fifty-seven adults attended, and an offering of



$55.87 was received. Four missionaries were present: Robert Cover and Jack Churchill of Argentina and Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever of Central African Republic. One decision for full-time service was made during the recent missionary conference. George Christie, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. A surprise party New Year's Eve honored Mrs. Effie Darr for 60 years as organist of the First Brethren Church here. Former pastors of the church sent telegrams for the occasion, and the congregation gave her a stereo record player, some classical records, and a cash gift. Alva Steffler, pastor.

ALBANY, ORE. The Grace Brethren Church here honored Pastor Nelson Hall and family with a farewell dinner following the morning service Jan. 23 and presented them with a silver tea set; about 90 members and friends attended. The Halls are moving to Richland, Wash., to start a new church on a self-support basis. Their new address will be 1609 Jadwin Ave., Richland, Wash.

FORT MEADE, MD. Chaplain John Schumacher, currently stationed at Fort Meade, has been promoted to the rank of captain. He started a new Bible class at the base Feb. 20.

ARVADA, COLO. Rev. Lester Pifer, of Brethren Home Missions, was speaker at the Grace Brethren Church Jan. 23. For Youth Sunday, Feb. 6, Ronald Powell, the new Sunday-school superintendent, spoke on the topic "Searching Youth"; at the close of the service a young mother surrendered her heart to Christ. Dan Grabill, national youth director, was guest speaker Feb. 23. Bill McKillen, pastor.

ALTOONA, PA. Rev. Ralph Burns has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church here and has accepted a call to the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

LAKEWOOD, CALIF. Rev. Adam Rager, who recently resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Artesia, has accepted a call to the Brethren church in Albany, Ore.; new pastor at Lakewood is Rev. Robert Bates, who began his ministry here Jan. 23.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. In their recent evangelistic meetings with Mr. and Mrs. John Carrara, the Grace Brethren Church saw decisions in every service, many of which represented definite answers to prayer. Altogether there were over 40 public decisions, and about half of these were first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Rev. Glenn Byers has resigned as pastor of the Singer Hill Brethren Church; he and his family plan to spend some time in Winona Lake, Ind., before returning to a pastorate.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The famous Moody Institute of Science is moving to Whittier and will be located just a few blocks from the Community Brethren Church. Ward Miller, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Dr. Charles Mayes, of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was speaker for a prophetic conference held at the

Grace Brethren Church here Feb. 25 to 27. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. The Brethren church here has voted to merge with the First Brethren Church of Compton. Raymond Thompson is pastor at Bellflower, Edwin Cashman at Compton.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. Chaplain Lee Jenkins was speaker at the Grace Brethren Church here Feb. 6; he is a former Brethren pastor in Michigan and a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary. Harold Arrington, pastor.

HOPEWELL, PA. A dinner was held at the Grace Brethren Church Jan. 23 to show appreciation for the services of Pastor Sheldon Snyder during the past 18 years.

ROANOKE, VA. An extra feature of the missions conference of the Washington Heights Brethren Church in February was a skit written by Pastor Wendell Kent, "Meeting of the Board." Missionaries who took part in the conference were George Cone, John Zielasko, Don Hocking, Edith Geske, Marian Thurston, Ruth Kent, and Marie Mishler.

WINONA LAKE, IND. An eight-pound five-ounce son, Glenn Allen, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Fink on Dec. 27, 1965. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fink are teaching in Grace Schools, he in the seminary and she in the college.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Mr. Dave Foster, of Geneva, Switzerland, held a special service at the First Brethren Church Wednesday evening, Jan. 26; an excellent artist, youth speaker, and writer, Mr. Foster is associate director of European Youth for Christ. He is presently making a month-long tour of the United States. About 60 young people, counselors, and cooks from the church attended a winter retreat at the West Indies Mission, near Homer City, Pa., in February. Richard Messner, director of development for Grace College and Seminary, was speaker for the weekend. Rev. Patrick Arnold, North American superintendent of the West Indies Mission, was guest speaker at the church Feb. 13. John Terrell, pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. A quote from Dr. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church—"The trend in our religious circles today is to try to compete with the world in making the gospel 'attractive.' We doubt if this is pleasing to the Lord. The message of truth is distinctive, unique, singular, and does not need the props of 'worldliness' to make it appealing to needful hearts. The latest craze—religious jazz—surely must be obnoxious to our blessed Lord."

COVINGTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church of Covington has extended a unanimous call to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Miller; they are to begin their ministry here the last of March.



Left to right: Ed Calvert, Rev. Fricke, Dr. O'Neal, Ed Schimmels and Ed Osborne.



The dedication congregation

SIMI, CALIF. Dr. Glenn O'Neal was speaker for the dedication of the new building of the Simi Community Brethren Church Jan. 23; about 150 people attended the afternoon service. The 2,000-square-foot building is comprised of a chapel and an educational unit and has a seating capacity of 160. Much of the labor was donated, and the ladies of the church did most of the interior decorating. Plans are being discussed for the construction of an amphitheater later this year for outdoor activities. Elmer Fricke, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ROMERO, Anita, a former member of the Grace Brethren Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex., died Jan. 10.
Robert Salazar, pastor.

BAUMANN, Mrs. Virginia L., 69, died Jan. 11. She became a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., in 1956, and in spite of ill health she was faithful to her Lord and to the church.
Charles Mayes, pastor.

SORGE, Mrs. Nora, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., for many years and a faithful worker in the church, died on her way home from church Jan. 16. Ralph Burns, pastor.

McKEE, Mrs. Margaret, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., passed away Jan. 20 after a lingering illness.
Robert Collitt, pastor.

WATSON, Lloyd, 79, died Monday, Jan. 24. He was a member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, for many years.
Glen Welborn, pastor.

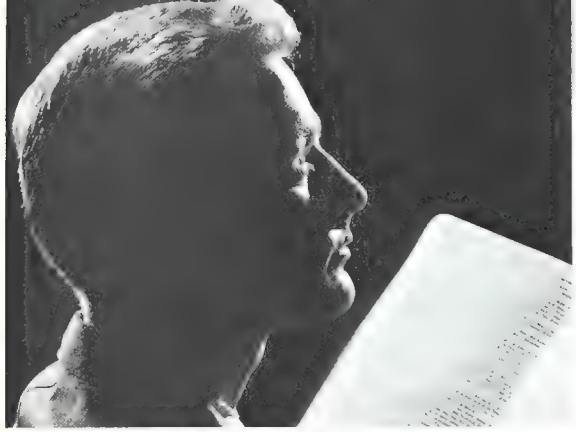
SNIDER, Mrs. Mamie, 91, a faithful Christian and member of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., died Jan. 25. She was the last charter member of the church.
Robert Crees, pastor.

LOWER, James C., a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Artesia, Lakewood, Calif., for 16 years, died Jan. 30. Robert Bates, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Winchester, Va.	March 6-9	Paul Dick	O. E. Phillips
Waynesboro, Pa.	March 15-20	Robert Crees	Bill Cruver
Allentown, Pa.	April 3-10	Richard McCarthy	Ron Thompson
Wooster, Ohio	April 6-10	Kenneth Ashman	Ralph Stoll
Dayton, Ohio	April 10-15	Forrest Jackson	Lehman Strauss



THE BIBLE Speaks to Me

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

One of the frustrating experiences of my life relates to my college days, when I had to buy textbooks for the courses I was taking. Those were depression days, money was scarce, and I lived in hopes of selling those texts at the end of the year to some student a year behind me. But all too often, by the end of that year my textbooks were declared obsolete, and new ones were chosen for the oncoming class. I was stuck. I saved some of those books for years, but have long since discarded them because they were outdated.

However, there is one book I own that will never be outdated. From the standpoint of current books, it is ancient. For the writing of this book took place over a period of about sixteen hundred years, and it was finished nearly nineteen hundred years ago. Yet it is as up-to-date as tomorrow's newspaper, and of infinitely more lasting value. It is my Bible. What makes it the best seller year after year after year? Why has it been translated (in part at least) into more than twelve hundred languages? Because it is not just a book with human origin, but a book with divine authorship.

I believe in the full verbal inspiration of the Bible. I can explain its history, influence and accuracy in no other way. These are days when men, even religious leaders, are doubting the Bible. Some are saying that we can take its moral and ethical lessons, but must discard its authority in other matters. Some believe that much of the Old Testament (and indeed, much of the New Testament) is only legend, and not fact. However, this makes men the judge of the Bible, and God gave it that it might be the judge of men! And if it is not reliable in everything, how can I know that it is reliable in anything? I cannot reconcile for myself such a discriminatory attitude toward the Book—for me it is all or nothing.

The Bible passes the test of experience for me. I find it intensely satisfying to trust it as a guide for all my faith and life. For the Bible gives me the most satisfying answers to the three most basic questions of life: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?

My Bible tells me about God: His holiness, His love, His perfections, His justice, His grace, His revelation of himself in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells me of His heavenly home, which He desires to share with me. It tells me of His creation, that I might enjoy and appreciate it more. It tells me of His provision for my salvation through the sacrifice of His Son at a place called Calvary, and His continuing provision for my daily needs through Him.

But the Bible also tells me about myself. I find myself, at my worst, and at my best, in the characters of the Bible. I see myself with many needs that are beyond my human power to meet, with problems that no human power or wisdom can solve. Then I see that God desires a partnership with me, whereby He will take my burdens, problems, worries, cares, and best of all, my sins; and in their place He will give His grace, strength, forgiveness, wisdom, companionship, and so much more that I could not begin to count His gifts.

The Bible is the history of God's dealings with man: past, present, and future! For much of the Bible is yet prophetic. And the fulfillment of its past prophecies is so remarkable that I have no doubts that those yet to be fulfilled will come to pass just as described. I guess you can call me a literalist when it comes to the Bible. I believe it says what it means, and means what it says. The only justification for taking it figuratively or symbolically is when the immediate context makes it clear that this is the case. There are no contradictions in the Bible—only contradictions in our understanding of it. There are no errors in it—only errors in our understanding of it.

The Bible is not a book of science, but wherever it speaks on scientific themes, it does so with amazing accuracy. There is no disharmony between the facts of science and the Bible, for truth is always and everywhere compatible. There are disagreements between scientific theories and the Bible, but theories change! Scientific theories of the origin of the universe have changed at least seven times since I was in high school! But the Bible does not change. (By the way, it requires far less faith for me to accept the simple, majestic statements of Genesis as to the origin of the universe and life as we know it, than to accept the fantastic and gap-filled "explanations" of science, when God is left out!)

Because the Bible speaks to me, I have a divine obligation to share it with others. My ministry is a divine calling, to communicate God's message to men and women and boys and girls. My preaching must be Bible-centered or it is off-base! And since the Lord Jesus Christ is the central theme of the Bible, that makes Bible-centered preaching and teaching Christ-centered also.

I am committed to the proposition that a right relationship with God through Christ is the answer to every human question, the solution to every problem, the supply to every need, the satisfaction to every heart. And it is the Christ of the Bible, not the Christ of human imagination, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). That's why the Bible is so important, and so wonderful, to me. It tells me all I really know about Him. And that's why I'm glad to be a part of a church whose motto is: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN * * * COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

LAYMEN IN THE NEWS

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. In January, a good representation of the men of the district were in attendance at the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, to hear a challenge by Rev. Richard Messner, Grace College director of development. District laymen have undertaken a project of financial assistance for the new proposed Grace library building. High point of the evening was the presentation of a gift of $500 for the library by Mr. Ronnie Woodall, in memory of his mother. Mr. Woodall is a member of the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio.—Bruce Garber, district secretary.



Left to right: Harvey Skiles, president, Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Men, Rev. Richard Messner, and Mr. Ronnie Woodall. (Photo by Horace Mohler)

HARRISBURG, PA. George Wilhelm reports that April 1 will be the first anniversary of the laymen's establishing a Christian Service Brigade group in the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. The men have purchased athletic equipment for the Brigade boys, and liberally supported the group.

The laymen also conduct services the first Sunday of the month at the elderly patients' branch of the Polyclinic Hospital. A number of patients have accepted Christ as Saviour as a result of this ministry.

At a recent meeting of the laymen, the men voted to send $50 for the national Laymen general fund, $50 for the scholarship fund, and make a "faith promise" of $200 to their local church BYF group for a projector.



NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The district steering committee is pictured above at a recent meeting, planning for the district Laymen's election, which will take place at the Harrisburg church on March 19. Plans were also formulated for the Laymen's activities at the district conference, which will be held at Camp Pinebrook. Left to right above are: George Wilhelm, national Laymen's president; Earl Cassel; Tom Teahl; Kenneth Kohler, national Laymen's vice president; William Hetrick, district president; Albert Spiece; and Jim Knepper. Not pictured is the one who took the photo, Allen Zook, corresponding secretary.

Laymen Enthusiastic in Support of Rev. Bill Smith's Soul-Winning Conferences

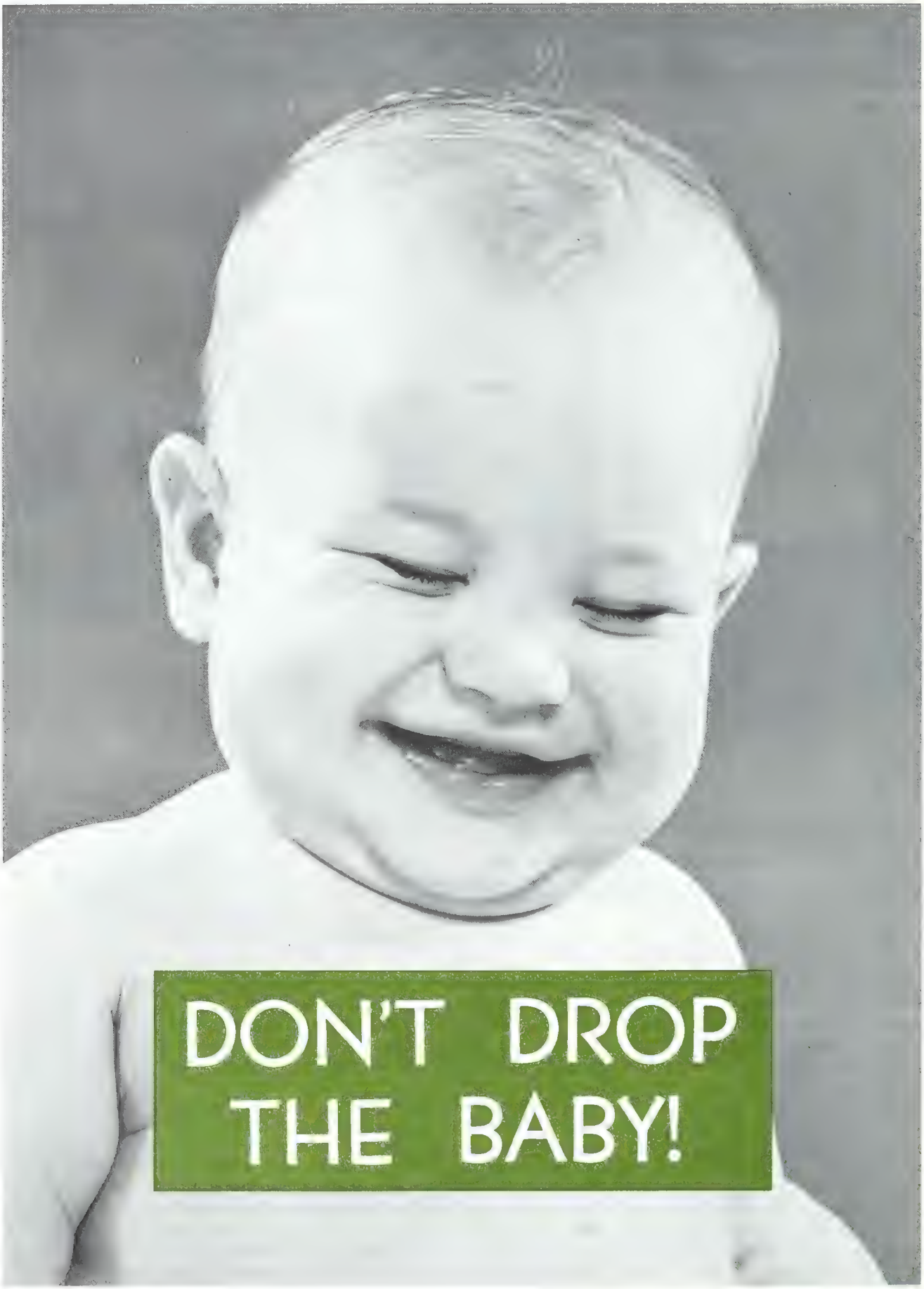
Director of Evangelism, Rev. Bill Smith, reports that laymen have been very responsive to the soul-winning programs presented in churches across the country. At the close of a recent conference in the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, one of the men told Brother Smith: "We believe that what you are doing is so worth while and meets such a great need in Brethren churches throughout this country, that our laymen's group wants to give the Board of Evangelism this check for $50 to assist in this ministry."

At the conclusion of a conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, there were two public decisions for Christ, and Brother Smith was given a check for $45 from the men.

Rev. Dean Risser, pastor of the Margate, Florida, Grace Brethren Church, reports that after a soul-winning conference was held, two of the men of the church received a fresh burden for souls and more confidence in their ability to lead someone to Christ . . . and both of them did just that! Pastor Risser states: "Our work here has been electrified!"

At the conclusion of a soul-winning conference in the Pompano Beach, Florida, Grace Brethren Church, Pastor Gene Witzky and his people sponsored a unique "Evangelism Banquet." Each church family brought an unsaved family, and the salvation message was presented.

Laymen across the country are encouraged to continue to support the Board of Evangelism by attending the soul-winning conferences and evangelistic campaigns sponsored by the board and by remembering the work in prayer. Pastor Glenn Moore of the First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio, writes: "In a recent campaign with Rev. Ron Thompson, decisions were made for salvation, and also for rededication. We know we shall continue to reap blessings in the future from these meetings. May God continue to bless the work of the Board of Evangelism."


DON'T DROP
THE BABY!

Unlike the case of the natural mother and baby, travail for the Christian worker should not end at birth. Paul states quite clearly in the Book of Galatians: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again *until Christ be formed in you*" (4: 19).

Soul-winning is emphasized by most pastors today. Every Christian ought to be engaged in this work. But, once a decision to receive Christ as personal Saviour has been effected, what then? The writer remembers cradling in his arms for the first time his first child. She was handed over by his wife, now a mother, with this admonition: "Careful, Honey, don't drop the baby!"

This same admonition is needed by today's Christian worker. God uses us to bring a soul to life in Christ, but we leave him to starve spiritually through neglect. As any baby has certain needs to be met, so the babe in Christ. There is the matter of

Hunger

We have been hearing much recently of the effect of malnutrition throughout the world. Incidents of soul-starvation can be found in many churches today. An inspection of the statistical report of any congregation indicates that baptisms and admissions to church membership are far fewer than reported conversions for any given year. What happens to the new converts? There is necessity for a "Freedom from Spiritual Hunger Campaign" in many churches following a "Soul-winning Campaign."

What sort of parent would leave a child without food, or the means to obtain it? To the newborn babe in Christ, the Bible is a long, boring account of ancient history. We must provide the means whereby Bible reading becomes systematic and helpful. Volunteer to assist that new convert in your church to understand the Word of God. This will keep you on your "learning-toes," too. True, the Holy Spirit can illuminate the sacred page. But this does not absolve you from making sure that new child of God gets the spiritual help needed to understand the Bible. Assist him, too, in making a prayer list. Show him how to check off answers to prayer and how to write down verses to help him in times of difficulty and need. As the baby needs to be trained by Mother's helpful, guiding hand into regular habits, so does the babe in Christ.

By Rev. Wesley Haller

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio

> *"Travail for the Christian worker should not end at birth."*

Habitation

Home is a wonderful place. Here the child is fed, made to feel secure, and loved. Make certain the soul you win to Christ has a good spiritual home, a church where he will have the right sort of food and help. And be there yourself if it is your church!

The spiritual health of a babe in Christ should be of great importance to you. Take his spiritual temperature from time to time. It is painless and can be done quietly. Invite him to your home for a meal and talk about the Lord Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit guide the conversation. In such intimate moments of fellowship many "half-baked" problems have been digested by sharing and committing them to God.

Health

Parents recognize the feeling one gets when his baby is ill. He looks tiny and defenseless. Mom and Dad would give anything to see him covered with chocolate again after a climbing expedition to the kitchen cupboard. There are many sicknesses which can attack a baby, from a common cold to crippling polio.

And for the newborn child of God there is an attacker who never rests. Like the germs of a physical illness, he attacks unseen. Sometimes he roars. Unsympathetic parents have shouted at their teen-age daughter, "If you're going to continue this church-going and Bible reading, you can get out of our house. No religious crackpots are wanted here." Such an illness must be treated with much skill and prayer.

It may be that the newborn Christian is attacked by people preaching false doctrine, seeking to draw him away. Here, too, you must pray and work carefully, dealing with each point of error by comparing it with the truth of God's Word. We are reminded again that our study of the Bible must be certain, not haphazard.

"Heart-trouble" is one of the favorite "ills" produced by the adversary. There is many a Christian who becomes a changed character when he gets a girlfriend. He lives in a hazy world, forgetting times and dates, becoming extremely unreliable. Non-Christian associations can hinder spiritual growth. Clear guidance must be given from II Corinthians 6.

We could continue listing the ills that can weaken a babe in Christ. What a wonderful thing to remind such a one that Jesus is the Physician who is able to deal with every ailment which assails the spiritual life. He has conquered the source from which they come, even the devil himself.

If you have worked and prayed and seen the conversion of a soul, your task has only begun. But you must never attempt to project your Christian personality into the life of a new convert so that he leans on you instead of on Christ. You must constantly point him to Jesus and the victorious life in Him.

So, Christian worker, when the joys of the new birth have passed, don't drop the baby! ▼

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THE PASTOR'S WIFE *and her Responsibility to* MISSIONS

"I am debtor . . ." (Rom. 1:14), the apostle Paul exclaimed, and he was the greatest missionary who ever lived.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus said. In Daniel 12:3 we read, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Somehow we pastors' wives have to get this into our hearts: that we are a debtor to all men, that we are to be wise and turn many to righteousness, and that we are fishers of men . . . with a message! Years ago I got on my knees before God and prayed, "Lord, make me into a soul winner. Give me the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. Lord, I want to be used of Thee." There is no greater thrill than that of turning others to righteousness.

There are all kinds of ministers' wives: complaining ones, critical ones, those wanting attention; and then there are those spiritual giants in the background who are queens in their own households, who command the love and respect of their families, and who are being *helpmates*, not only at home, but also in the house of the Lord.

A Brethren pastor's wife, Mrs. Herman Koontz, gave me a verse years ago that I believe the Holy Spirit included in the Scriptures just for pastors' wives! "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, *helps* . . ." (I Cor. 12:28). There we have the responsibility of the pastor's wife described. The little word "helps" is just for her. She is to be a helpmate to the pastor, and a help to the people, especially to the women and girls of the church.

We want to consider four ways a pastor's wife can *help* missions. They are (1) promotion, (2) information, (3) entertaining, and (4) WMC.

Promotion

Most churches, most preachers, and most preachers' wives need a burden for foreign missions. The wife can be a help by reminding her preacher husband of this need.

Secondly, the wives of pastors need to experience faith giving. Dr. Russell Barnard constantly challenges our churches to pray for a certain amount of money, by faith expect God to send it to you, then give it. The first time I heard Dr. Barnard say this, I tried it. I had no income and no allowance. But God answers prayer. I asked for $5.00 that I could give to foreign missions. The Lord sent me a gift unexpectedly. I was thrilled, and told another lady in our church what happened. She tried it, and the same thing happened to her. Several years have gone by. Our church set a goal last year, trusting God to supply it. He did! This year we are trusting Him for twice as much. For several years we kept before our congregation the support of one missionary. Now we are launching out to support two, hoping for partial support of one or two others. We have a great God who is able to supply it all. However, if the pastor's wife never experiences these blessings of faith giving . . . the people usually won't enter into it either.



By Mrs. Scott Weaver

A third way a wife can help to promote missions is through a WMC missionary banquet. Just before time for the missionary speaker, ask the pastor to pray for a burden for missions for everyone present. Whenever a preacher prays . . . watch out! Things begin to happen. A preacher's wife can help her husband to be an influence for missions, by promoting these missionary banquets.

A fourth way to promote missions is to visit the mission fields. When my husband and I went to France and Africa, we went praying that we might have burdened hearts for missions and that we might pass it on to our church. Not everyone can visit, but we can all read and pass on to our church the heart throb of missions. We can let our people know that: (1) Missionaries sacrifice to serve Christ. (2) Our missionaries have it much harder than we do. Their daily living is much more difficult than I ever visualized through my American eyes that take comforts for granted. (3) We Christians of America know little of emptying of self, for all that our hearts could possibly desire is before us every day in the dime stores and grocery stores. Missionaries know something of doing without. They experience being content without the things for which the flesh cries out. (4) Beyond this emptying of self, they love the unlovely. This is the daily life of the missionary.

Dirt was the thing that impressed me most on our trip to Europe, Africa, and the Holy Land. In France, Italy, Africa, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Greece uncleanness in public places and as a way of life was very apparent. The prostitutes of Paris and Rome I shall never forget. Such immorality without shame! I was not prepared for the nakedness in Africa, men and women alike. Disease in Africa is a daily threat. To remember daily that every drop of water drunk must be filtered or boiled, and to remember the pill that must be taken every day to ward off

malaria, is a constant reminder that disease is a very present enemy. Sin, superstition, drum beating at night are all part of the heathenism of Africa. The missionary lives with this, experiences poverty, and daily contacts a sin-laden people whose hearts are hardened. Yet, with all his lack of good food and material things at his finger tips, the missionary loves these people in order to tell them of Jesus.

This is the missionary heart. Paul, the greatest missionary who ever lived, said, "That I may know him . . . and the fellowship of his sufferings." *How did* our Lord suffer? He laid down heaven's glory, came to this old, dark, sinful earth to become man, lived with men, experienced what we experience, and yet loved us enough to suffer and die for us in order to take us to glory with Him. A missionary must enter into the fellowship of His suffering.

Information

Pastors' wives need information about our missionaries. Pass this on to your husband, and your people. I shall never forget going Christmas shopping in Bangui, the capital city of the Central African Republic, with Dr. Robbins' wife and mother of his three children. There was a real scarcity of toys, and no decorations. We looked and looked with a great stretch of our imaginations for anything colored red or green for the sake of the children. How my own heart went out to this missionary mother who was trying to provide for her children on the field.

Neither shall I soon forget the scurrying around of our missionary Lois Ringler to provide a birthday party for six-year-old Karisse Cone, whose mother was recuperating from pneumonia. Each missionary tried hard to come up with something from his barrel for a six-year-old. After the party Lois came in worn out from the games, but thrilled with the party. Her comment was, "I never cease to be amazed at Karisse. She is a jewel. When she opened a roll of Scotch tape she exclaimed, "Oh, thank you! Just what I've always needed." I toyed with the thought: Would a six-year-old in America have such a thankful heart?

Yes, I'm convinced we pastors' wives need more information about the personal lives of our missionaries. Through our American eyes it is sacrifice. The missionary knows no such word. He counts it all joy to serve our Lord. But we need information. Information about sacrifice. We were in Central Africa at the end of the rainy season, yet found water scarce in some places, and barrels having to be carried up from the river. I asked one missionary, "If it is scarce now, what do you do during the dry season?" She answered, "I have scooped up mud with my hands, and drained off the water, then boiled it to have something to drink!" Other sacrifices were lack of communication: no telephones, no newspapers, no TV, no radio (except the 30-minute broadcast each morning when our Bible Institute and Medical Center talked back and forth and the other stations listened).

We need to read the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and missionary books. We need to write letters to our missionaries and receive fresh information. They will answer! Letters are scarce and valuable to our missionaries. While we were there we received letters from our church people and our children regularly, but this is not always true for our missionaries. On one occasion two weeks went by and we did not hear from our son in the Philippines or our daughter in college. We began to be anxious. We learned the mail came regularly *only once a week!* Often the mail bus would break down, as was the case now. Three days later an African brought mail in a sack on his bicycle. Mrs. Mason told me they had gone as long as six weeks at a time without mail! I thought of our daily mail delivery, rain or shine, and all the advertisements we throw out each day in America.

Yes, we need information that we might be a help with our responsibility to missions as pastors' wives.

Entertaining

Pastors' wives can help by entertaining missionaries on furlough. We should be first to invite them and receive the rich blessing from it. "A bishop [or overseer] . . . must be . . . given to hospitality" (I Tim. 3:2). This is a definite place where a minister's wife can help. Do you wonder what to cook? Just make it good. They're God's choice servants.

I remember accompanying Evelyn Schumacher's parents to the airport when she arrived for her last furlough. The first thing she wanted was a hamburger! There is nothing like a good old American hamburger in all of Europe or Africa. Yes, the missionary has meat. We ate goat, sheep, chicken, beef, and fish. The missionaries kill their own, or the African sells what he has killed; but there are none of the choice cuts of tender meat like Americans have displayed and refrigerated daily to suit their every whim and fancy.

WMC

WMC is an excellent way in which the pastor's wife can help missions. Pray at each meeting for our missionaries. Be faithful in observing the 15th of each month as a Day of Prayer. Get your women to pray each month for missionaries. Use the prayer requests from the foreign missions office. Urge your women to keep the missionary chest full, for visiting missionaries to choose from whenever they speak in your church. Read missionary books. If the pastor's wife reads them, the women of the church will. Your enthusiasm will be contagious. Every Brethren woman ought to read *Victory in Viet Nam* by Gordon and *We Two Alone* (on the Congo). Your spiritual life will never be the same, if you read them. Have Brethren missionaries whenever possible for special occasions.

SMM is the pastor's wife's special opportunity. Here she can teach the Christian girls of the church to pray for missionaries. She can comment on the mission study as some girl laboriously reads it, or she can ask a question to stimulate thinking. In the SMM prayer circle she can pray publicly for God to call out girls, to lay His hand upon certain ones, and use them on the mission field.

What is the pastor's wife's responsibility to foreign missions? She should be wise and turn many to righteousness. She should be a help to her husband, and to her people. ▼

(WMC editor's note: Upon request Mrs. Weaver has submitted the preceding article taken from a message which she delivered last November to Seminary Women's Fellowship—student wives' organization—at Grace Seminary.)

Leaving the Shaker

Since moving to the Chateau one of my tasks has been to prepare meals for numbers of people. Monthly we receive teen-agers for a weekend rally which necessitates the preparation of menus in advance, the purchasing of fresh fruits and vegetables at the open-air market, and the placing of meat orders in the local butcher shop. Though one might desire to know in advance the time of the arrival of his guests so as to be fully prepared, as often as not we have many unexpected callers. One day it could be an English university student—teaching in a nearby high school—who decides to drop in on an afternoon children's class and stays for dinner. Another day it might be a surprise call from a missionary en route to a conference, a camp, or special meetings. And then, there are occasions when the guest teams or speakers arrive earlier than expected and need to be fed. Not only must the food be cooked for all these friends—it must also be purchased. Unless these needs are anticipated, mealtime can mean running needless errands to pick up items that are lacking. And with the city of Macon—where the market and most stores are located—being ten miles away, this can get complicated.

In fact, it is only when an item is missing that one realizes its importance—even something as insignificant as a few grains of salt.

I was reminded of this some months ago when preparing a creamed chicken on rice dinner for about twenty people who just happened to drop in on the same day. In cooking the meal I unknowingly used all the salt. Not until after we were seated at the table did I realize we were completely out, and that more was needed. Salt is probably the cheapest item in the local "epicerie," but until we could get it the meal was tasteless.

Jesus said one day to His disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth." When we read these words we immediately think of the value of salt in seasoning our food. However, when His disciples heard these words they did not have the same thought. In those days the principal value of salt was to preserve. Before the days of deep freezers and canned goods, food products were often kept from spoiling by rubbing salt into them.

We are the salt of the earth, and perhaps at no time in history has there been greater need for a Christian to exercise his preserving ministry in the world. The world has in it the elements of corruption; it is in process of decay. Its efforts to reform are many, but it does not possess the elements of self-preservation. This force must come from God's people.



Rev. and Mrs. Julien

By Mrs. Tom Julien

(WMC editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles relating to our national WMC offerings. The Chateau in France is our foreign missions project.)

Sometimes in countries like France, where missionaries are so insignificant, they forget this. Many are the times that hundreds of invitations are distributed only to welcome a meager few at an evangelistic meeting. Though hundreds and thousands line up to enter a theater or a sports manifestation, few seek the words of life. A recent TV program, presenting the work of the controversial Dr. Schweitzer, showed interviews of the Africans who knew him and his ministry. For many of them, he was "the great white god." Years ago Dr. Schweitzer frequently visited the Chateau of St-Albain, for it was at one time owned by his first cousin. Had he never left his native France he quite possibly would be unknown today, for in this country the missionary, like salt, is very insignificant.

Yet, may we never forget that though we may be insignificant in men's eyes, we are God's only instruments for preserving a decaying world from destruction. To grasp this will help us realize the greatness of our ministry.

Often we Christians overlook an important lesson. In order for salt to preserve, it must penetrate. This is not always easy. "Leaving the shaker" for a missionary means leaving home and loved ones to go into an alien situation where more than likely he will always bear the stigma of being a foreigner. During a recent visit from some missionaries who have served in France most of their lives, the wife confided that one of the greatest sacrifices she had made was to be always looked upon as an outsider.

But whether or not they go to a foreign country, all Christians must leave the shaker. We must penetrate the society in which we live. Perhaps one reason for our lack of influence is that we have not learned this well enough. Most Christians would desire that their unsaved friends and neighbors come to their church rather than going out and seeking the unsaved on their own ground. Christians are too often uncomfortable with unsaved people.

Leaving the shaker can result in drastic changes. Just as beautiful crystals of salt must change their form in order to penetrate, so must we be willing to lose ourselves in the world we seek to preserve. Only after a seed dies can new life be given, and so only as we allow our desires, our ambitions, and our will to be His can we expect the Saviour to use us.

Yet, losing our identity does not mean losing our savor. Though salt might change its form in order to fulfill its function, it must never cease to be salt. Usually it is not seen, but at the same time, it can never be hidden, for a teaspoon or two is sufficient to permeate a whole meal.

Won't you drop in on us some day at the Chateau of St-Albain? ▼

This 1965-66 WMC Birthday Missionary Is

SERVING THE LORD as a DOCTOR'S WIFE

By Mrs. Harold Mason

To all the WMC ladies, who are helping to support me for this year, I send my greetings. The Lord has been good and I praise Him for directing my life. There have been many growing pains in my Christian life, but I praise Him for them all. A passage of Scripture that has meant much to me is Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

My childhood was normal and happy, and my two brothers and two sisters helped to make life interesting. I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and lived there all but two of my growing-up years. Those two years were spent in the country during depression days. One very memorable event that happened on the farm was finding out how well poison ivy loved me. I had a case of it worse than any other I've ever seen. (Out here the mangos love me in the same way, and I must be careful when the children eat them.) The hardest part of my schooling was getting to school on time. You see, we lived right across from the school, and we had to go clear to the corner before we could cross the street.

When I was 15, my mother decided we needed a different church, and so we visited some. One Sunday morning in the spring of 1941 we attended the First Brethren Church. I never will forget how my sister went off and sat with someone she knew in Sunday school class, leaving me to sit by myself, lonely and nervous. But after church I was made to feel wanted. The young people were very friendly and invited us to come back, and we did return. By summer camp time I was included in the group who went, but I went rather reluctantly because I knew my life lacked something that the other young people had.

At camp I learned many things, most impressive of which was the practice of taking time out before breakfast to get alone with God. This was new to me and gave me time to do some thinking. Thursday of that week was my 16th birthday. Friday evening I threw my fagot on the fire and gave my heart and life to the Lord. Saturday morning I was baptized there in the Mississinewa River, and on Sunday, back at church, I was taken into the fellowship of the church. That was truly a week I shall not forget.

In 1942 a family by the name of Mason started attending our church. Betty and Harold Mason soon joined the young people's group, and then became members of our church. The summer of 1943 brought about my graduation from high school and the drafting of Harold into the Army. That fall I went away to Bob Jones College. After two years of correspondence and a few brief visits, Harold and I became engaged. There were two more years of college life for me, and then we were married, on June 22, 1947.

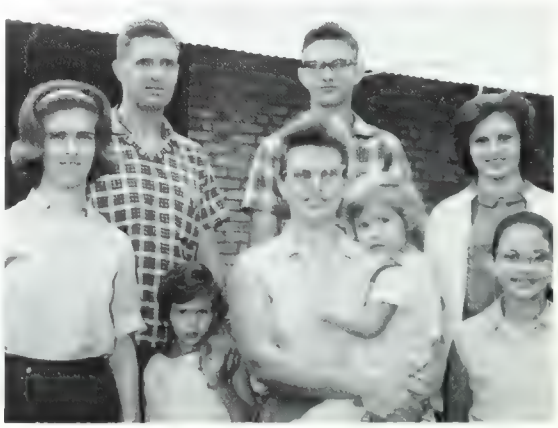
We had both stood in a meeting at Winona Lake saying that we would go where the Lord should direct. And, in His own time, the Lord directed us to the mission field here in Africa.

Although Harold had never thought of medical work before, he was put into medical training while in the Army. Therefore, he felt this would be his avenue of service for the Lord. He finished medical school and internship the summer of '51. We had thought that a couple years of general practice would be good before going to any foreign field of service—but the Lord had a different plan. Because the Korean War changed things for us, it meant either serving Uncle Sam, or serving the Lord on the foreign field. We left matters in His hands. On approaching the foreign board, we were advised to attend Grace Seminary for a year with mission service in mind for the following year. So, that fall we went to Grace with three small children, very little money, and no knowledge of what the future held. A law was passed in Washington which exempted from military duty doctors going into foreign missionary service. Late in the fall the much-awaited certificate to practice medicine came, and we were able to take in a little in the way of funds to provide for our daily needs. Our Lord has never failed to supply our need.

August of 1952 saw us on the *Queen Elizabeth,* with five other new missionaries, bound for France for more than a year of French study and a tropical disease course. Finally on December 30, 1953, we landed in French Equatorial Africa (now Central African Republic), where the Lord wanted us to serve Him.

Now in our third term, we are living at the medical center at Boguila. We have six children: our oldest, Naomi, 17, is at Grace College

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The Mason family photographed during the visit of Naomi and Stephen to Africa last summer. Left to right, back: Harold, Stephen, Gloria; front: Naomi, Joyce, Margaret, Sharon, and Wilma.

SUGGESTED MISSIONARY CHEST LIST

These are suggestions from Mrs. Scott Weaver and Mrs. Fred Fogle for missionary chest items which missionaries to Africa would appreciate very much; many of these items would probably be appreciated by missionaries to other fields also.

Candles Note paper
Stationery (especially air mail)
Drip-dry material
Remnants for curtains
Magic markers Desk articles
Typewriter erasers
Rubber bands
Ball point pens and refills
Paper clips Thumb tacks
Small hand staplers and refills
Foam rubber
Bible verse plaques
New Christian devotional books
Grapefruit section cutter
Egg slicer Book ends
Nut chopper
Carrot and potato peeler
Tupperware! ! Avon products
Toilet soap
Hand creams Bath oil
Doilies
Foam rubber insoles (shoes)
Dr. Scholl's moleskin—foot plasters
Corn pads Elmer's glue
Shinola shoe polish—black, white, brown
India ink Pencil sharpeners
Embroidery floss
Embroidery needles
Zippers (good used ones even)
Cheap toys—tinker toys, moving toys, Golden Books, etc.
Sheets—for *twin* beds (cot size)
Aprons Hosiery
Ladies' slips
Travel slippers (men and women—S, M, L)
Stretch footies
Stretch anklets (men and women)
Thread (40—60 black and white)
Assorted colors rickrack (2 and 3 packages alike)
Sewing box assortments
Crepe paper
Christmas, birthday and holiday paper napkins
12" x 16" dental bibs—any cotton material (clean and pressed)
Paper plates (packages)
Masking tape Sanitary belts
Back-a-belt Elastic
Bra repair (elastic) kit
Shoe strings (white, brown, black)
Bobbi pins, curlers
Extension cords Throw rugs
Vanilla extract—mapeline
Razor blades—stainless steel
Jewelry—for gifts
Ribbon and gift wrap paper
Knit baby shirts—or flannel—with ties (used for packing for missionaries)
Plastic curtains
Plastic tablecloths
Shower curtains
Bath mats and toilet seat covers
Artificial flowers
Sets of buttons (new and used)
Packable sun hats (straw or anything)
Ironing board covers
Disposable "wash ups"
Paring knives
Napkins (cloth) Shower caps
Towels (bath) and wash cloths (dark are nice)
Men's handkerchiefs
Tie clasps

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Africa—

Patrice Robbins May 22, 1956
B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Rev. Gordon Austin May 5
Ayacucho 592, Beccar, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.
Benjamin Paul Fay May 22, 1961
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.
Mrs. James B. Marshall May 25
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina
Rev. James B. Marshall May 28
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina

Brazil—

Nathan Allan Johnson May 14, 1959
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil
Marilyn Joy Johnson May 17, 1957
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mexico—

Mrs. James Dowdy May 4
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924
Sharon Rachel Haag May 9, 1948
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073
Lorita Marguerita Guerena May 9, 1958
Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico D. F.

In the United States—

Victor Fredrick Fogle May 1, 1949
101 Fourth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590
Miss Grace Byron May 7
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590
Rev. Robert J. Cover May 19
241 E. 22nd Street, Tracy, California 95376
Daniel Keith Hocking May 21, 1958
% J. D. Reeves, 5401 Riviera Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Camille Sue Cone May 26, 1955
% D. & D Missionary Homes, 4020 58th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
Naomi Mason May 28, 1948
Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

WMC National Foreign Missions Offering

March-April-May



WMC Ladies at the Northern Atlantic District Conference

From WMC Mail Gleanings

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. District president Joyce Griffith reports that their last conference was held at Pinebrook Conference Grounds, and another one will be held there this year as well as their WMC spring rally. This year the district is supporting the Aelligs, who are two of our Swiss missionaries in Africa.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. In the last district rally of the Southeast District there were 110 ladies in attendance with 16 councils reporting and 51 delegates present. Their new projects are $100 for the "apron" around the swimming pool of their new district camp, which was to have been put in before the winter weather, and also $300 for a pick-up truck for the camp's use. One of the women gave a piano and another gave a lovely carving set, both for use in the camp. These gifts were much appreciated, we learn from Mrs. Evelyn Bryant, district president.

NOR-CAL DISTRICT. In the latest "Nor-Cal News" (Northern California WMC news publication) we learn from Mrs. Dulcie McCoy, of the LaLoma Brethren WMC, that the women have been working on several projects, such as making culottes for the girls at the Navajo school, gathering good used clothing for both missions in New Mexico, and having a food and clothing shower for their own local mission. Also, a *very unique* idea was carried out for their two missionaries, Mrs. Donald Miller and Mrs. Martin Garber, before their return to their fields, and that was the presentation of a money tree. (Colorfully wrapped money tied to a little tree is a very novel and attractive gift plan.)

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT. At the fall district WMC rally in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania 93 ladies gathered for a time of inspiration and fellowship with emphasis on the theme verse, "For the Master's Use." The prayer chairman, Mrs. Roy Kreimes, led in the time of prayer; and the president Mrs. Donald Cale, presented the theme of the year with a fine challenge. Other officers throughout the day presented a skit, reading, and dialogue to add to the program and carry-in lunch. Four first-time readers of the entire Bible were recipients of Bible reading pins, and the attendance plaque was presented to the Listie WMC with 100 per cent attendance of their 17 members. Their church bus is handy for group gatherings such as this. The missionary speaker, Mrs. Jake Kliever, spoke of the work in which she and her husband had been involved; as superintendent of the Africa mission Rev. Kliever had been faced with a great deal of record-keeping and book work. This work is just as important in God's work as in secular work, even though very time consuming. The message was very instructive. The project was presented by a table display of an African village with the Mensingers arriving in the midst. The goal of $300 toward the support of the Mensingers was exceeded with a total of $340.13, for which praise was given to the Lord. SMM work was presented, and the women were shown how they could assist the girls in many ways. The president, Mrs. Cale, closed with an original reading, "Vessels for the Master's Use." (District secretary, Mrs. Russell Yoder, sent in this interesting report.)

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this year; Stephen, 16, is a junior in high school in Fort Wayne; Gloria, 14, Wilma, 10, Joyce, 6, and Sharon, 3, are here with us on the field. Besides the everyday tasks of caring for my family, I have acquired the job of pharmacy agent, which involves the ordering and receiving of medicines and filling dispensary orders. We also enjoy entertaining the many who come and go at this station for various reasons. ▼

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Strictly on the "Q.T." for SMM Girls!

Dear Patroness,

I have a problem—in fact, two problems—and I hope you can help me. My first problem is that I'm having trouble with one of my SMM goals—my Q.T. Just how can I be consistent with my daily devotions? I just can't seem to find time!

My second problem is this: How can I get a "certain" boy to notice me?

Seriously,
Sue

Dear Sue,

Thank you for asking me to help you. I'll try. Your first problem is one that many SMM girls have at one time or another. May I give you some suggestions?

First, I believe we must realize the value of our daily devotional time with the Lord. If we expect to have power in our lives we must be in a position to receive that power. Our lines of communication must be open between the Lord and us. Since you have been an SMM girl for several years, Sue, you understand the value of quiet time.

It seems as if your real problem lies in "finding time." The answer to this is discipline: setting aside a certain time each day and making sure that we guard this time. Habit is the clue. This is why we stress that Little Sisters in SMM should have Q.T. as one of their goals; they start the habit early in life. Daily devotions should be as much of a habit as eating three meals a day, and most of us don't have too much trouble on that score!

Do you have an alarm clock, Sue? If so, why not set the alarm 15 minutes earlier and start the day with devotions? You won't have to "find time" then; you'll have it "made"!

It may be that part of your problem is spasmodic reading of the Bible. Do you pick up your Bible and just read any place it falls open? There are some very good helps to a better reading of God's Word. I'll list just a few.

To help you understand what you are reading, try using a different translation or the Amplified Version now and then. I've found the paraphrased epistles *Living Letters* and paraphrased minor prophets *Living Prophecies* to be exceptionally helpful.

There are many daily devotional books and paperback booklets available from the Missionary Herald Company. Along with this idea is the monthly "Rendezvous" in *Campus Life* magazine, and "Quiet Time Thoughts" in *Young Ambassador*. Both are good. You might find that "Daily Quest" in the *Power for Living* (Scripture Press) Sunday-school adult paper would make your Bible reading more meaningful.

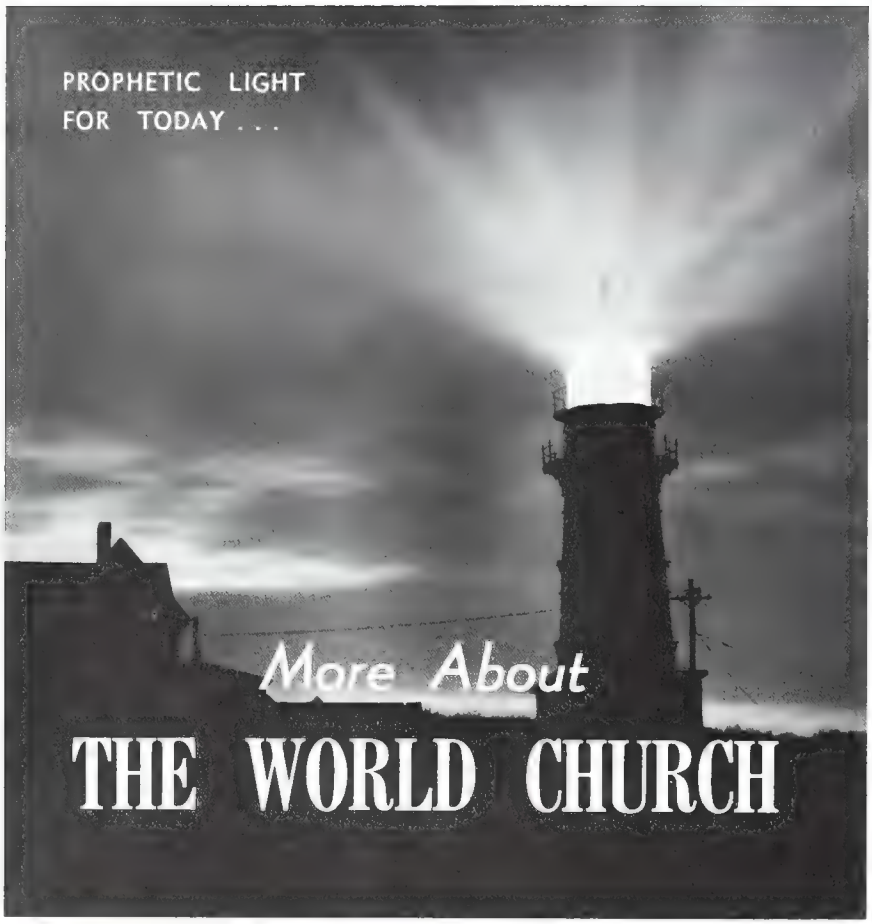
Most Sunday-school study quarterlies list a daily reading correlated with each Sunday's lesson and usually contain a pertinent thought for each day's passage.

Above all, Sue, keep your SMM goal sheet marked daily. It's a real reminder of daily walking with the Lord.

Now, for your second problem. Just be your sweet self, with an inner glow shining through. If you're friendly and radiate happiness, that "certain" boy will be able to see the "real" you some day. Just give him time: boys mature more slowly than girls. Right now he's probably more interested in model racing cars than girls.

Sincerely,
Your Patroness

REMEMBER OUR SMM BIRTHDAY OFFERING during March, April, and May for foreign missions. We support ten missionary children in higher education.



"We must take our stand and be prepared to suffer opposition and ridicule . . ."



BY DR. CHARLES W. MAYES

Pastor, First Brethren Church
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Every day seems to bring new evidence that we are moving toward a world church. The Bible foretells it, and present-day events indicate that the ecumenical movement, already a popular subject, is gripping the minds and hearts of more ecclesiastical leaders.

The world church, when it finally appears on the pages of history, will be made up of all apostates, and probably all religions left on earth after the Rapture of the church.

Information about the movement toward apostasy and a world church may be gained from many sources. *Newsweek* informs us that "Protestants can no longer sing 'Christ crucified, risen and coming again' with one voice. Less than half of the total American Christendom really believes it is true."

Bible-taught believers know that the trend in Protestantism is definitely away from belief in an infallible Bible and toward a world organization of churches. Once it was a common view to affirm the authority of the Bible. Now it is popular to describe God's Word as only theories, myths, and legends. The apostle Peter warned us of this: "There shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways" (II Peter 2:1-2).

The National Council of Churches, which wrongly claims to speak for Protestantism, sponsors what it calls world order study conferences. These conferences are a function of the Department of International Affairs and are an activity of the council itself.

The Sixth World Order Study Conference, held in St. Louis, Missouri, October 21 to 23, 1965, not only reaffirmed the position of the 1958 conference, but went further; according to the Associated Press dispatch, it not only called for the recognition of Red China and her admission to the United Nations, but also requested that "the U.S. take unilateral steps toward free travel between the U.S. and Communist China, and [that] an embargo on travel to Cuba be lifted."

The Gospel for Individuals

Many church members are duped by the National Council to believe that churches should promote coexistence with the Communists and should promote world peace through a social gospel and world brotherhood. The Bible message is not primarily social, but individual, and our message is to prepare men through salvation for the coming of the Lord instead of preparing them for a new social order and world government.

It is not enough for those of us who belong to The Brethren Church to glide along with the religious movements of the day. We must take our stand and be prepared to suffer opposition and ridicule for our faith. It may be but a short time until we will have to declare our refusal to go along with the popular ecumenism, which is forerunner of the apostate world church. ▼

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By Lester E. Pifer

Spirit of the Northwest District

This writer feels as if he has just returned from a week of revival after attending the Northwest District Conference. This conference was held in the semi-rural church at Harrah, Washington. The town of Harrah is located in one of the most prosperous, fertile areas of our nation, the Yakima Valley. My trip through the home-mission churches and to this conference was awe-inspiring with the tremendous beauty of the snow-capped mountain peaks. Northwest cities are growing at a fabulous rate. Their progress and development is far above the average.

One cannot visit the church at Harrah without a sense of gratefulness for its excellent young people, preachers and missionaries who have yielded to the service of Christ. The cordiality, the hospitality and willingness of this congregation touch the heart of a visitor.

The delegates to the conference were willing to lay aside other responsibilities in order to make the long trip. Many churches of the Northwest District are separated by hundreds of miles. The district membership is not large, but the WMC, Laymen, and young people's meetings were well attended. The spirit of prayer, of revival and of missionary interest in these folks was stirring indeed!

The Edwin Johnson family, new candidates for the foreign mission field, were there to challenge these delegates on their mission responsibility. This family are missionary volunteers from our growing, new home-mission church at Kent, Washington. The new church at Beaverton, Oregon, in recent months yielded a home missionary couple, the Robert Baers, who are now working with the Brethren Construction Company crew. God's blessing is evident in these churches as they thrust workers out into His harvest field.

My eyes could not hold back the tears as I saw the District Mission Board, stimulated by prayer and faith, determine to see new churches added to their membership in the coming year. The spirit of optimism concerning new fields like Beaverton, Oregon, and Bothell, Kent, Richland and Mabton, Washington, was thrilling to the soul. A budget exceeding the giving of last year to include gifts for these new fields was enthusiastically adopted. The sacrificial spirit of a man like Rev. Nelson Hall, who willingly accepted a unanimous call from 28 people to go to Richland as a self-support missionary was touching. The overwhelming desire of established churches, even the young maturing church at Grandview, Washington, to launch another branch church demonstrates vividly the vision and concern for the lost that is manifest here.

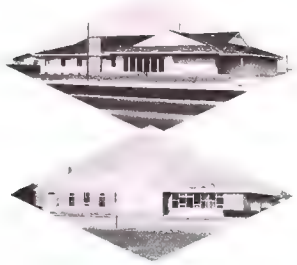
The moderator of the conference, Rev. Henry Rempel, key-noted this conference with a splendid message on the theme, "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory" (Col. 1:27). He carefully pointed out that in all of our labor, Christ must be first, the head, the central working force, the eternal hope of glory. It was a spiritual treat to see this truth borne out in every message to follow. The conference was Christ-centered in every respect.

The youth of this conference enjoyed a real treat as the district carefully and prayerfully laid plans for the expansion of their camp grounds in the mountains. This district has one of the finest locations for a camp in the U. S. A. Now, the churches, laymen, and youth are combining their efforts, their sacrificial labor and their investments in the Brethren Investment Foundation to enlarge and modernize their camp facilities for year around activities. The grounds will be maintained for camps, retreats, conferences, and any other phase of church and Sunday-school activity.

The attendance in the evening meetings was very gratifying. The church was filled every evening. The building resounded with song as delegates and friends sang and rejoiced in the Lord. The final night brought many to the altar expressing desire for a closer walk with Christ, a greater compassion for soul winning, confession of sin. One young mother, having driven 250 miles for this conference, accepted Christ as Saviour.

The ministerium was a blessing as the men knelt in prayer to take one another's burdens to the Lord. Their spirit of cooperation, fellowship and unity were indicative of the Holy Spirit's work. The delegates to the conference, having enjoyed such pastoral leadership, were prepared for a wonderful time of fellowship.

We found ourselves praying that the spirit of the Northwest District Conference might become contagious and spread through our national fellowship—that the desire of our people, nationwide, might be to see Christ manifested in each life, that the theme of this conference might be the theme of every life: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." ▼



COVER PHOTOS

Two more self-supporting churches! The Grace Brethren Church, San Jose, California, and the Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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Another Victory for Virginia Beach

By Pastor A. Harold Arrington



Pastor A. Harold Arrington

January 1, 1966, marked the beginning of another victory in a long series of victories for the Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia. On this day we announced to the Brethren Home Missions Council that we would assume all our financial obligations and release them of any further financial help to our church.

God has given many spiritual victories in lives as we have seen lives and homes changed. Young people have made life commitments. Looking back over the record we found 196 conversions and 221 rededications made, for a total of 417 public decisions. Many of those who made these decisions are now our "missionaries" throughout the world, since the military soon moves many of our people. But when one family leaves, another moves in and thus gives us a perpetual mission field.

Virginia Beach is America's ninth largest city in land area and one of the six cities making up the Tidewater area with a combined population fast approaching the one million mark. This concentration of people was the reason why the Southeast District Mission Board began to pray for a Brethren church here.

A committee from the mission board first visited Virginia Beach in 1956, and plans were made for Rev. K. E. Richardson to conduct a series of meetings. In the meeting that followed, eight people were saved, were baptized, and became a part of the Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach. For the first year, district pastors conducted the services in various homes and available public meeting places.

In June, 1957, I was called as the first pastor and with my family moved to Virginia Beach. At the same time, the Brethren Home Missions Council accepted the work as a national project, and with the combined district-national help we were able to begin with a full-time ministry.

It was in our first year that a church location was secured and on it an old house that served as a meeting place. While our growing congregation met in the old house, the Brethren Home Missions Council Architectural Department was working on plans for a building.

By April 1, 1959, the Brethren Construction Crew was available and moved in to change the blueprints into a reality. Upon completion of the new church building, the old house was removed from the property.

The new church building was dedicated on February 5, 1960, with representatives of the Southeast District and Brethren Home Missions Council present for the occasion. This was truly a great victory.

The visitor to Virginia Beach can now fellowship in a Brethren church and enjoy worshiping in a Bible-believing church. In addition, he can see old Cape Henry Lighthouse where Captain John Smith first landed in America in 1607. He may travel across virtually open ocean via the ultra-modern 17.6 mile Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. He can observe the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial and tour what is probably the world's largest concentration of military and naval might. Brethren, the welcome mat is out for you!

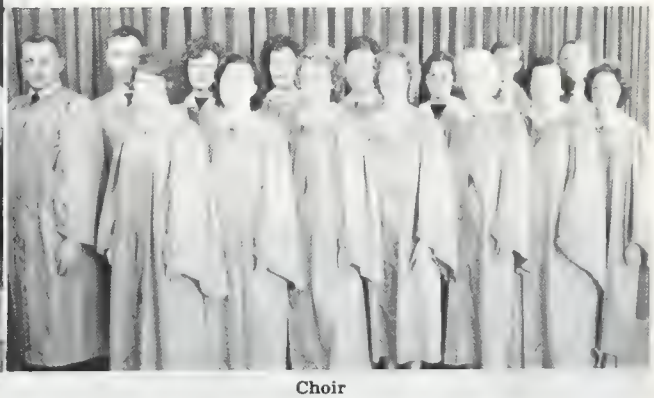
I know that I speak for every member of our church when I say: Thanks to the Brethren Home Missions Council and to Brethren people



A.C.T. (Active Christian Teens)

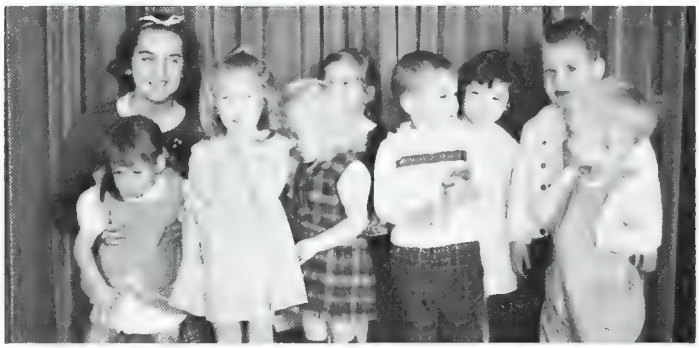


Pioneer Girls



Choir















across America for the invaluable assistance given the Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach. Through your gifts to Brethren Home Missions, investments in the Brethren Investment Foundation, and prayers for us, you have made it possible to establish this testimony for Jesus Christ.

A study of the two pages before you will give evidence of what is being accomplished through the Sunday school of Virginia Beach. Elsewhere is pictured evidence of bless-

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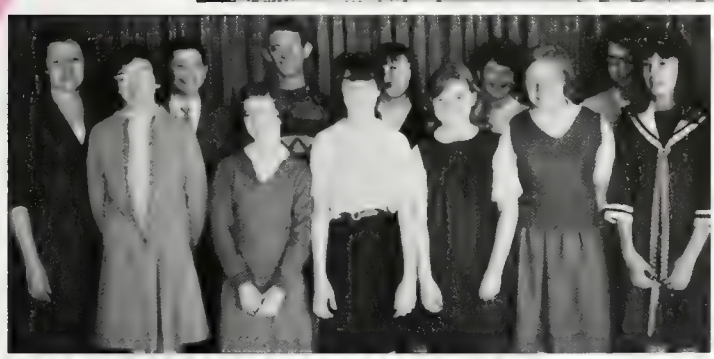
ing in the activities of young people, boys and girls. In the years to come, we are praying you will see some of the people in these pictures in Grace Seminary and College training for future service as pastors and missionaries.

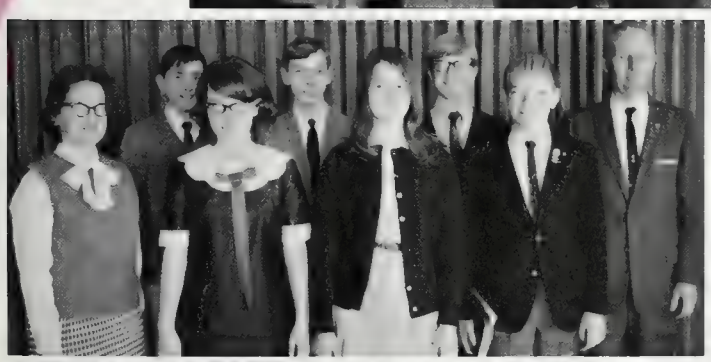
We are counting on your continued prayers and trusting God for more victories by setting a goal for further expansion of our church and beyond it to starting other new Brethren churches in this Tidewater area. ▼







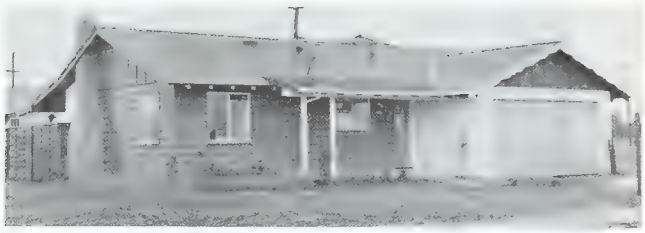




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By Lyle W. Marvin, Pastor

The growing experience of a church parallels that of a child. Many days, dates and events are easy to recall. This has been true in the Grace Brethren Church of San Jose, California, whose most important date to this point arrived February 1, 1966. This was the date we determined that we would cease to ask the Brethren Home Missions Council for any further financial help and declare ourselves *self-supporting*.

The year 1955 was an important one for our church—that was the year it was born. It was the year Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen moved into San Jose, purchased a home, and started the Grace Brethren Church. The work grew and the rooms filled to capacity and overflowed into the garage. During this time prayer was being answered for another new and important date, when ground would be available for a more permanent location.

It was February, 1958, when God directed the church to His location and made possible the purchase of about five acres for $18,000. A parsonage was erected on the new location with a three-car garage to provide more facilities for a growing church. This house became known as "the only parsonage with a baptistry in the living room." This was only temporary and prayer was still going up for a church building.

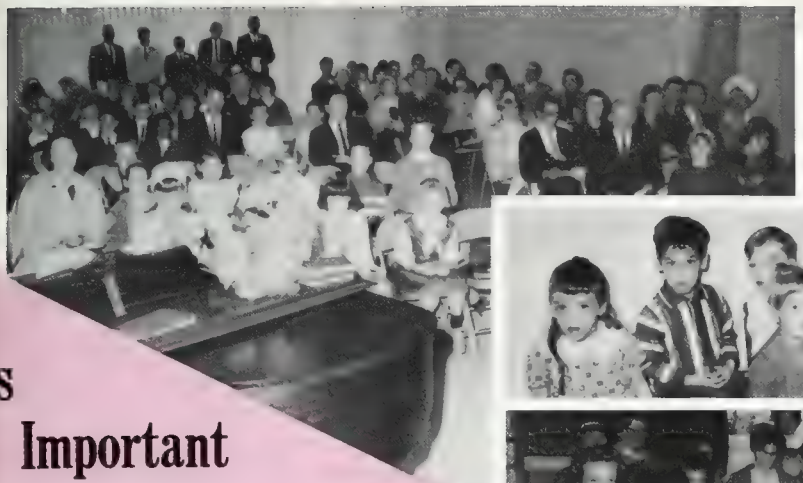
Then came 1960, when the present church building of French style architecture was erected and dedicated. The parsonage was converted back to a home, the Lord continued to bless, and the McKillens

Above: From a small beginning of a home, to a larger home, and finally to the church.



Left: Expanding to classes in a bus, in a car, and in a used car sales office.









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began looking for a new field to pioneer.

The Lord directed them to Tucson, Arizona, and led us to the San Jose field in 1961; this will be remembered as our first important date in the San Jose work.

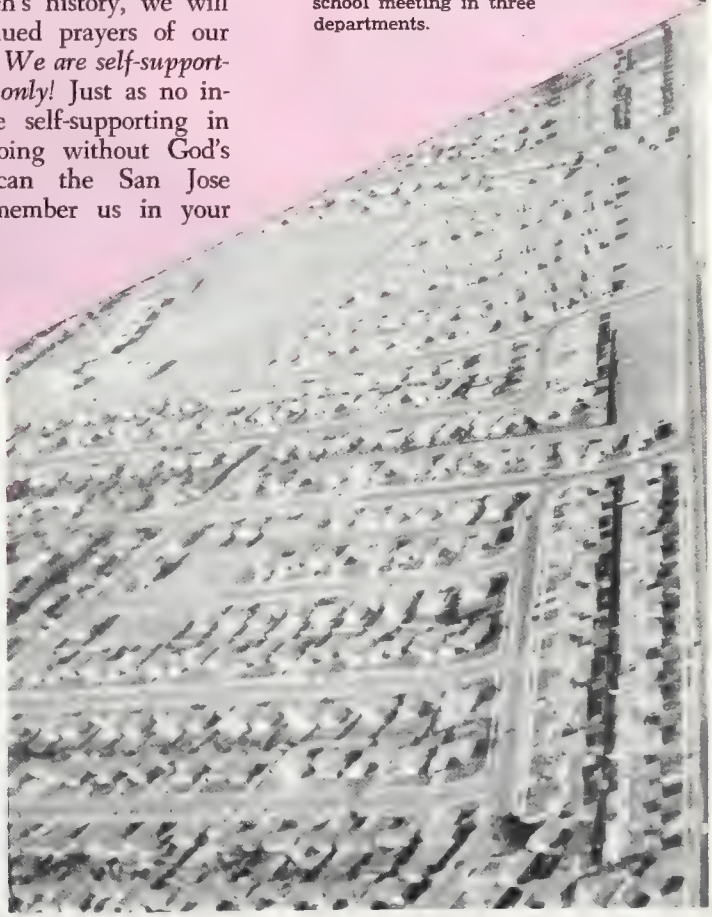
The work has continued to grow. First the bus used for transportation became a Sunday-school classroom. More room was needed, and a used car office was secured to provide two more classrooms. It has been this steady growth through the years that made possible the decision of our church to announce that February 1, 1966, it would be self-supporting. Certainly this is the most significant date in the church's short history, but we do not expect it to be the last one.

Further expansion is in the making right now! A 26- by 80-foot Sunday-school addition is to be built onto the rear of the present building. The important dates of the future will be remembered as taking place in a regular self-supporting church and not a home-missions church.

The church is indeed grateful to the Brethren Home Missions Council, who so graciously helped meet her financial obligations with a monthly subsidy. This help was often a real life saver.

If more important dates are recorded in our church's history, we will need the continued prayers of our Brethren people. *We are self-supporting in finances only!* Just as no individual can be self-supporting in the sense of doing without God's help, neither can the San Jose church. Do remember us in your prayers.

Above: The Sunday school meeting in three departments.



Right: Pastor and Mrs. Lyle W. Marvin surrounded by a "sea" of homes in which to fish for souls.



ISRAEL CALLS!

LET ME REMIND YOU . . . **BY BRUCE L. BUTTON**

Sometimes it is difficult to recall things to our mind. It is not because we are not interested in them. Rather it is because we fail to think of them in the press of everyday living. It is so easy to forget!

There is another reason for not having knowledge of certain things. This is not necessarily our fault. Rather, it is due to our not being acquainted with the facts, and knowledge is always based upon facts. Recently I was asked to speak before a group of young people. These young people knew the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches had a testimony to the Jewish people. They knew it was located in the Los Angeles area. How much more they knew of the work I cannot say. I am sure, however, they were not too well acquainted with the workers. *This was not their fault. It was the fault of this writer!* I had failed to make myself and this work known to them. That has been remedied and we have had some fine times of fellowship around the Word concerning the Brethren gospel testimony to the Jew.

Perhaps there are others across the land who know a Brethren Jewish work exists but who know little else about it. There are young believers, new believers, believers who have heard of the work but whose knowledge is hazy, but all of them interested enough to want to know something more of the work. It is for these I write this article. May it supply the information you want.

The Brethren Messianic Testimony is an organization which was started in 1950 by the Brethren Home Missions Council. Until that time the Brethren churches had supported various interdenominational Jewish missions. The council felt there was sufficient interest in Jewish missions to warrant a denominational effort and the work was launched. The Brethren Messianic Testimony was to be under the control of and answerable to the Brethren Home Missions Council. At that time, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button were retained by the council as their representatives to the Jews. Since that time Miss Isobel Fraser has joined the staff.

The headquarters of the Brethren Messianic Testimony were located at 469 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, California 90048. They are still located at that address. The Fairfax District of Los Angeles is the center of the large Jewish section of Los Angeles, and the mission is located right in the center of the Fairfax District. Over 250,000 Jewish people live in this district, which comprises some eight or nine hundred blocks of the city. Fairfax High School is one of the main high schools in the area. Out of a student body of over three thousand, fewer than seventy-five are Gentile. The Fairfax District is a real Jewish area.

Down through the years the area has continued to grow. Single resident dwellings are giving way to the multiple-unit apartment. Over four hundred apartments have been erected in the area in the last three or four years. In fact, the two blocks just north of the mission are now almost completely apartments. Where once fifty families lived, now five hundred families reside. And these are Jewish families without exception. The challenge is tremendous. It must be met by the efforts of The Brethren church.



The work of the Brethren Messianic Testimony is based on a home visitation program and personal con-

tact. A portion of each day is given to house-to-house calling. At this time a personal attempt is made to contact an occupant of each home. We try to talk with that person about Jesus, the Messiah, as He is set forth in both the Old and New Testaments. We also place Christ-centered literature in that person's hands. And for future reference we keep a record of what is said and given in each home.

In the afternoon of each day we attempt to call back on those homes where interest was shown in our morning contacts. These afternoon contacts are always made one or two weeks after the first contact. If we are successful in gaining entrance to the home, we are able during that call or on subsequent calls to "open the Scriptures" and deal with the problem of personal sin and of sin's forgiveness in the Lord Jesus, the Messiah.

It is from these latter contacts that we are able to recruit members for the various gatherings we have at the mission. Monday and Wednesday evening Bible classes are held each week and are conducted on a Bible teaching basis; the claims of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, are presented from the entire Word of God. Our day time meetings, some for Jewish women, others for Jewish blind, are conducted for the purpose of acquainting the Jewish person with Jesus, his Messiah, Saviour and God. We strive to bring these people into one of the evening Bible classes also. There is not one activity of the Brethren Messianic Testimony that is not Bible and Christ centered.

The Brethren Messianic Testimony has had wonderful support from Brethren people in both gifts and prayers. And this is as it should be. Since we are a denominational organization, we can only turn to our denomination for support. We cannot turn to all churches as can interdenominational missions. You have held up our hands in a wonderful manner. While the Brethren Jewish work is under the control of the Brethren Home Missions Council, it nevertheless does not participate in the home-missions offering. This work is supported by those funds received by the council earmarked for the Brethren Jewish work. So it is your specific prayers and gifts for the Brethren Messianic Testimony which makes this testimony to the Jews here in Fairfax a reality.

One final word to our Brethren young people—to those of you who are preparing for or thinking about entry into the Lord's work. Keep this in mind: There is a definite need for more workers in the Brethren Jewish endeavor. We know it is the purpose of God to meet this need in the near future. Is it possible that you might be one of those He will use in fulfilling this need? The support is available; the mission is available; the field is available. Are you available? ▼



This beautiful church building, located in Trotwood, Ohio, was made possible by investments and savings in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Such funds have made possible many other church buildings in recent years.

WHAT INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS IN THE BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION WILL DO

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Modesto Church Hosts Workshop--Launches New Branch

A former home-mission church, the La Loma Grace Brethren, was our gracious host for the Western home-mission workshop held on February 8, 9, and 10. The church building, which has just undergone a new remodeling program and expansion of the main sanctuary, was simply beautiful. Its newly expanded and paneled walls, its new upholstered pews and additional classroom facilities added to the hospitality.

The workshop was for all home-mission pastors, missionaries and wives in the western U. S. from the Midwest District westward. The missionaries and workshop staff numbered about 35. Many of the wives were unable to attend due to work and family responsibilities. Approximately one-third of the missionaries were in a workshop for the first time.

The members of this church are to be commended for their kindness in housing our missionaries and speakers. The excellent meals were prepared and served by the ladies of the church. This congregation attended all the evening sessions of the workshop, counting it a continuation of their missionary conference.

This church, under the leadership of Rev. J. Paul Miller, is displaying real missionary vision in launching a new branch, the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church. A five-acre tract in a new housing area on the north side of Modesto has been purchased. The parent church is paying off the property and giving several families to begin the branch work.

The Greenwood Grace Brethren Church held their first meeting on January 23, 1966, at the Sylvan Club House near the property site. Forty-three were present for the first Sunday-school service. A high of 54 has been recorded. Rev. Eddie Miller has been doing some of the preaching and acting as Sunday-school superintendent, with Ora Skiles, Jr., as moderator. The group attend the evening service at La Loma but have their own prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. A visitation program is under way. They are looking forward to the call of a full-time pastor.



Missionaries attending the Western workshop.





Top: Edward Miller, Ora Skiles, Jr., Harold H. Etling, J. Paul Miller, and William Smith.
Above: First Sunday school of the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church.

Here is another evidence of God's blessing when "every church begins a branch church." This congregation has continued to increase its giving to Brethren Home Missions while assuming this additional branch church responsibility. A special word of thanks to all these wonderful people at La Loma Grace Brethren Church for their hospitality, concern for the lost, and missionary activity. ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, APRIL 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the gospel radio ministry in which Rev. Gordon Austin is working.

PRAISE the Lord for the completion of an additional building on the mission property at Waipio, Hawaii, to augment the facilities for services there (Tresises, missionaries).

PRAY for the summer activities being planned by our workers in France.

PRAISE God for the families in Quatipuru, Brazil, who have accepted the Lord under the ministry of the Bill Burks, and for others who are in prospect.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continued guidance of Evangelist Ron Thompson and Director Bill Smith as they travel many miles. Pray for their safety continually.

PRAISE the Lord for the generous offering received on Evangelism Sunday, and pray that our Board may be able to expand its ministry so that others may receive Christ as their personal Saviour.

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts crusades in Alexandria, Virginia, and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the final weeks of the school year may prove to be the successful conclusion to another good year in both schools.

PRAY for steady progress on the construction of the Men's Residence Hall.

PRAY that the seniors in the seminary may know God's will for their future ministry.

PRAY for young people who now are making decisions as to where they will go to college and seminary next year, that they may make the right decisions.

PRAY for an early beginning on the proposed new library building if that be God's will.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for exceeding last year's goal of five self-supporting churches, and pray for a goal of five more becoming self-supporting by the end of 1966.

PRAISE God for a substantial reduction of the Brethren Home Missions Council deficit for this past fiscal year, and pray for repayment of the balance in the following fiscal year.

PRAISE God for several new churches being organized, and pray for their development through our districts and national cooperation.

PRAISE God for the sale of property at Dayton, Ohio, and pray for the sale of property in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that we might see an 8 per cent increase in our Sunday-school attendance in this year.

PRAY for the continued financial needs of the National Sunday School Board.

PRAY that wisdom and physical strength may be given to our director as he visits our churches.

PRAY that God may give wisdom to those who write our Sunday-school materials.

SMM

PRAY that our future program writers will be led of the Lord to help the girls spiritually.

PRAY that as our girls memorize various chapters of the Bible and their monthly verses, the blessings received will help them to witness for the Lord.

YOUTH

PRAY for the quiz team as they prepare to go to Puerto Rico April 2 to 9.

PRAY for plans for a summer camp team to travel with the director.

PRAY for the heavy financial needs of the Youth Council.

PRAY for the plans for national youth conference in August.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for the good WMC Executive Committee meeting held at Winona Lake, Indiana, February 24 and 25.

PRAY for the missionary rallies being held in many of our churches.

PRAY that sufficient funds may come in for our Birthday Offering so that we may be able to support the five missionaries chosen for this year.

CHAPLAINS

PRAY for Chaplain James Hutch ens as he serves in a combat outfit in Viet Nam.

PRAY for Chaplain Emlyn Jones as he completes a month at chaplains' school, and then looks to future service.

PRAY for the future plans of Chaplain Paul Lindberg at Fort Wood, Missouri; and for the new Bible class begun by Chaplain John Schumacher at Fort Meade, Maryland.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the many writers who contribute to the pages of the *Missionary Herald,* the Sunday-school literature, and other printed materials being produced.

PRAY that the April 30 special four-color edition of the *Missionary Herald* will be a great blessing to Brethren families around the world.

PRAY for God's continued blessing upon the distribution of free literature, that through this printed ministry many more souls might come to Jesus Christ.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the Executive Committee as they make plans for national conference Laymen's sessions.

PRAISE the Lord for those laymen who faithfully work with boys in the Christian Service Brigade groups.

CHURCH NEWS

IMPORTANT! You are encouraged to estimate your Vacation Bible School needs and place your order as soon as possible with the Missionary Herald Co. Last year the tremendous demands in late April and early May forced publishers to substitute handcraft items in order to supply materials. *Don't be disappointed!* Order early—you need not pay for supplies until after your VBS is over. There are no postage or handling charges, and all leftover items in salable condition are returnable for full credit.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. In the middle of January Rev. Larry Gegner, of the First Brethren Church of Ankenytown, and one of his laymen, Don Walters, were part of a group of 21 who took a week's missionary tour of the Caribbeans, including Jamaica, Haiti, and Puerto Rico. Brethren missionary Jim Dickson met the group in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and helped to conduct the tour for the day they were there. Several other evangelical missions assisted in the supervision and guiding of the group while on the islands.

ALTOONA, PA. Rev. Robert Clinton of Telford, Pa., a graduate of Grace Seminary, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church (Juniata).

DETROIT, MICH. The Ford Motor Co. is continuing its policy regarding gifts by their employees to Grace College and Seminary. Gifts up to $1,000 will be *doubled* by Ford, and amounts from $1,000 to $5,000 will be matched. (Employees of the Ford Motor Co. across the country are invited to write to the Grace College Development Dept., Winona Lake, Ind., for full details.)

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. Pastor Melvin Hobson reports that already in 1966 the Grace Brethren Church has seen eight first-time decisions and seven public rededications of life. In January a local businessman gave the church a check for $2,000, which was applied to the building debt.

COMPTON, CALIF. The combined high-school and college youth groups of the Compton and Bellflower, Calif., Brethren churches held their annual winter retreat at Big Bear Lake, Calif., Feb. 4 through 6. Rev. Jim Foy, associate director of Accent Crusades, was the featured speaker. The National Youth Week theme, "More than Conquerors," provided the basis for the weekend spiritual stimulus. The Moody Institute of Science film "City of the Bees" was shown as a part of the program. Edwin Cashman and Raymond Thompson, pastors.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Neil Beery, 10847 Winesap, Beaumont, Calif. 92223. Rev. and Mrs. Rubel Lucero, 153 Daniel Dr. N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. Rev. and Mrs. Randall Poyner, 913 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing, Mich. Please change *Annual.*

TROY, OHIO. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church recently approved a plan for expansion presented by architect Ralph Hall. A number of young married couples have been attending the services, and evening services have been picking up in attendance. On Feb. 5 Pastor John Neely performed the marriage ceremony for his daughter, Joy, and Lawrence Wackler.

WINONA, MINN. Donald Farner, Jr., was guest speaker in the morning worship service at the Grace Brethren Church Feb. 20. Don is a senior in Grace Seminary, dorm supervisor in the college dormitory, and son of Rev. Donald Farner, Sr., pastor of the Winona church.

RADFORD, VA. The Fairlawn Brethren youth group enjoyed a successful Youth Week Feb. 13 to 20. Besides taking part in the regular services of the church, they held a youth banquet on Saturday of that week with Robert Lambertus, a youth leader from Piedmont Bible College, as speaker. He also spoke in the Sunday services. To conclude the week the BYF presented a three-act play entitled "There's No Place Like Home." Mrs. Edgar Carroll is youth leader. Charles Hall, pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Rev. Lester Pifer, of Brethren Home Missions, showed colored slides Feb. 5 at the Grace Brethren Church and then was special speaker in the Sunday morning service Feb. 6, the church's first Sunday as a self-supporting church. Lyle Marvin, pastor.

SOUDERTON, PA. Rev. Donald Goodhart has accepted the call to become pastor of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church of Souderton (formerly known as the Hatfield Bible Class). Brother Goodhart is a graduate of Grace Seminary.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The fifth anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church was observed Feb. 27, with Dr. Harold Etling, of Winona Lake, Ind., as speaker of the day. A carry-in banquet was held in the evening. The day before, Dr. Etling addressed a Sunday-school workers' conference here. Everett Caes, pastor.

ADDITION. In your *Annual* please add the following address

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Parkersburg, W. Va.	March 28-April 3	Melvin Hobson	M. L. Myers
Conemaugh, Pa.	April 3-10	Clair Gartland	A. R. Kriegbaum
Middlebranch, Ohio	April 10-17	Wesley Haller	Gerald Teeter
Trotwood, Ohio	April 10-17	Charles Lawson	Oscar Van Impe
Aleppo, Pa.	April 17-24	Robert Burns	Richard E. Grant
Akron, Ohio	April 24-May 1	Vernon Harris	Ron Thompson
Alto, Mich.	April 24-May 1	C. A. Flowers	Mason Cooper
Troy, Ohio	April 24-May 1	John Neely	Edward Lewis

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CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. Randall Poyner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich., was guest speaker at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church Jan. 30, when the church's 31st anniversary was observed. A Birthday Banquet, sponsored by the WMC, was held Feb. 10 for all adults of the church. On Feb. 6 the Grace College basketball team with their coach, Chet Kammerer, took part in the morning worship service; there was one public confession of faith in Christ. In February the Lyndhurst church cooperated with a number of other churches in the area for the Erieside Mid-Winter Bible Conference. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. Glenn Moore, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Camden, suffered a heart attack in February. A gift of nearly $200 was sent to the Moores from the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, John Burke, pastor.

TROTWOOD, OHIO. The WMC of the Grace Brethren Church sponsored a March missionary conference; speakers were Rev. Scott Weaver, Rev. David Hocking, Rev. Fred Fogle, and Dr. Russell Barnard. "Dateline: Argentina," the new Brethren missionary film, was shown. At a Sunday carry-in lunch an offering was received for the five national WMC Birthday Missionaries. Charles Lawson, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Nathan Casement, of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, left New York March 3 for a two-week trip to the Holy Land. En route he visited Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, and Cyprus.

MODESTO, CALIF. The La Loma Grace Brethren Church reserved a local skating rink one night in February for a "church family skate night." J. Paul Miller, pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, was special speaker at the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church one Sunday evening in January. Pastor of the church, George Wallace, and his wife



Chaplain Brock and Japanese students at Rikkyo University

WASHINGTON, D.C. A letter received recently from Brethren chaplain J. D. Brock reads: "While serving in Japan as a chaplain I had many opportunities for outside speaking engagements. One that was a highlight experience was speaking in chapel to the English-speaking group at Rikkyo University in Tokyo.

"After chapel an hour was devoted to an informal question and answer time. I felt the students were sincerely hungry for the gospel of Christ. One question that impressed me was from a girl who was a freshman at the university. She asked: 'How can I live the Christian life successfully in a society that is non-Christian?' When one understands the intermingling of the culture and religion in the people's lives, her question is not an easy one to answer. These young Japanese Christians need our prayer.

"I am presently stationed at the Naval Air Facility, situated on Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. The opportunities for serving Christ are just as great. Please remember the 'pastors in uniform' regularly in prayer."

were recently approved as Brethren missionary candidates to Brazil.

MARGATE, FLA. A Florida District conference was held at the Margate church March 7 to 9, with Dr. John Whitcomb, Jr. and Dr. Frank Torrey as the main speakers. Dean Risser, host pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. On Youth Sunday, March 27, each of the Sunday-school classes of the Grace Brethren Church is to be taught by a young person. Gene Witzky, pastor.

COLUMBUS, OHIO. Groundbreaking services for the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus have been set for April 3; Rev. Richard Grant, of Winona Lake, Ind., is to be guest speaker. The new building is to be colonial style, in keeping with the architecture of the area. David Hocking, pastor.

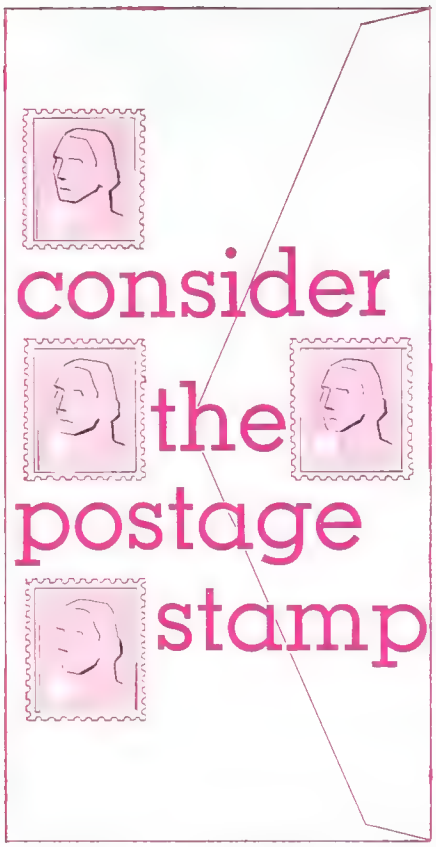
NOTICE: The head office of Rexall Drugs has instructed its 11,000 stores to place a sign above their book and magazine racks informing customers that if they object to any material on the rack, they should tell the manager and it will be removed.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. Twenty-eight Christians made public commitments for training and Christian service in the recent missionary conference of the Grace Brethren Church. Harold Arrington, pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Members and friends of the Temple City Brethren Church became better acquainted with three of our Brethren mission fields—Africa, Argentina, and Mexico—during their missionary conference Feb. 17 to 24. Four missionaries took part: Jack Churchill, Jake Kliever, Robert Cover, and Walter Haag. Feb. 13 was the deadline for "Operation Big Heap Books," an effort to get books for the Brethren Navajo Mission. Robert Firl, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Dr. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, conducted a conference on science and the Bible Feb. 17 to 20 at Calvary Brethren Church. On March 6 Mr. Alan McGill, baritone soloist from Baltimore, Md., presented a special program of music and testimony. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

GRAFTON, W. VA.. The First Brethren Church began a Sunday radio broadcast, "Voice of Victory," on Feb. 6 over station WVVW, Grafton. Paul Mohler, pastor.



What is a postage stamp worth?

The value of this tiny piece of paper about one inch square would not be worth computing if size were a factor. Yet at the going rate it calls for an outlay of five cents for the ordinary first-class letter stamp.

The value of the stamp is not in the size of the paper or in the printing, but in the value that the government places upon it. When I buy it, I do not value the stamp for its intrinsic value, but for its contractual worth. I am buying a service of which the stamp is the witness both to me and to the government. It is probably the smallest contract that is made when considered in relation to the size of the paper that witnesses the agreement. In exchange for five cents the government guarantees me that they will deliver a letter in the agreed weight and class to the destination within the prescribed area covered by the contract.

No stipulation is made as to the name on the envelope or the address except that it must be legible enough to be deciphered. Even if the name becomes obliterated, it will be delivered to the destination as long as the address is readable. The condition of the envelope is not questioned; it can be soiled, mutilated or otherwise, but if the address is still legible, the government will fulfill its contract.

Considered in relation to price and value, the postage stamp's cost is small. What would the average person pay to have a letter delivered 50 miles away if there were no postal system? Furthermore, the service and hardship needed to perform the contract take on higher value as the distance is extended. How much would it cost from New York to San Francisco, Alaska or Hawaii? The price in terms of that value is small.

But how about the value God has placed upon the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ? The Bible tells us that one soul is worth more than the whole world and that Jesus died on the cross so that He might redeem that soul and take that person to heaven, back to the Father's house. It cost His life to make "delivery" possible. Moreover, this was not a matter of a moment, but of years. Buying the postage stamp took but a moment, but the actual delivery of the letter may take days and, in some instances, even months. This is so with the soul that trusts in the Lord Jesus Christ, who guarantees to deliver him to the Father's house on the date that only the Father knows.

Furthermore, just as the government is responsible for the safe conduct of the letter, so the Lord Jesus takes the responsibility to get us home. We may "fall" into trouble along the route and get marred in the journey, but as long as the address is legible, He will see us through.

One part of the agreement that the sender of a letter is not involved in is the selection of the route that it takes. That is solely the government's prerogative. It reserves the right to route it via any way it chooses. Delivery is the only thing it guarantees. Likewise with our heavenly journey, God does not tell us just what route we shall take, what obstacles we shall encounter, or how long our journey will take. He only guarantees delivery.

Our peace of heart, however, will be determined by the extent of our confidence in the fact that the destination is sure. The experiences of the journey are ours to face, but we are *always* in His hands and under His care and control. Dangers, floods, fire, sufferings may encompass us, but the outcome is sure! His "stamp" is upon us: we are in His keeping; we are safe.

But how can you obtain such a "contract" with the living God? The answer lies in receiving Christ as your personal Saviour through simple faith in His finished work on the cross. How small compared to the value, and yet how important!

How about you?

Is your "delivery" sure? ▼

—N. E. Gustafson

(This article may be obtained in tract form from the American Tract Society, Oradell, New Jersey 07649.)

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Nancy Miller and Wally Meyers, Dec. 4, First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Cecelia Schamis and Michael Garrett, Dec. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Nancy Mae Sheets and Elbert Ray Zercher, Jan. 23, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Joy Beth Neely and Lawrence Allen Wackler, Feb. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio.

Lynne McCloy and James Sovel, Feb. 12, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CRUMBACKER, Jim, of Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died Dec. 23. He had recently been elected church financial secretary and assistant Sunday-school superintendent. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

Did You Ever Read a Disappointing Letter?

By Rev. Gilbert Hawkins

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Jackson, Michigan

Have you ever read a disappointing letter? I hope some of you read the same one I received just recently. No, it was not from the tax bureau. It was not from the local funeral home. Neither was it from the police department.

It was from Dr. Harold Etling's office—the Sunday-school report. Out of the 147 churches that reported in the Sunday-school contest, 53 showed gains over the previous year. Now, not having a Master's degree in mathematics, I won't try to figure how many showed a loss, but the loss columns surely were long. I cannot speak as one who would look down on other churches as though ours was in the gain column; it wasn't.

Brethren, is it not time to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit upon our churches? Are we operating in the power of the flesh? If so, is it not high time to change the source of our power? One well-known man has said, "If the Holy Spirit were taken out of the world, 90 per cent of our so-called church work would still go on and no one would know the difference."

Now of course some of us can blame the weather for our losses; you know, we had a bad storm. It is wonderful to have something to hide behind, isn't it? But you know in your heart and I know that this is not the problem. The real problem is found in Revelation 2:4, where the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Is it not true that our hearts have grown cold and our love for Him who saved us is not what it should be? Our doctrine is good; we have much labor—but are you dedicated to Him? If so, why were your seat and the one next to yours vacant last Sunday night? Some of us probably didn't invite anyone to the house of God all last week. Some of us didn't go to the prayer meeting. I know you were busy; so was the devil. He doesn't take time from the most important things; are you sure you can afford to do so? It is very easy to sit back and blame someone else for your loss, isn't it? But what were *you* doing?

If you were out visiting on the Lord's day instead of being in the house of God, you were partly to blame, it would seem to me. I know you have no other time to go visiting. But why go on the Lord's time—why not go on your own? You can't afford it? Are you sure His work is less important than yours? Can His work afford your being off? Your boss might fire you if you took off too much time, but of course the church would be grossly unfair if it acted in the same way. Possibly you were vacationing; but even then, if your love for the Saviour hasn't grown cold, you will be in the house of God on Sunday.

When our love for Christ grows cold, we blame our attitude on something else: it is time to change preachers, or the Sunday-school superintendent doesn't know the score, and so forth. Honestly, now, is this really the reason?

Guided by the devil the "other man" or the "other woman" is bidding for the love of your lover; and guided by the same devil the world is bidding for the love of your soul.

I have at times found people who seemed happy to announce why they would not be present on the Lord's day. I have found an excuse, they seem to say, and it really is legitimate.

Why not be honest and quit calling Sunday the Lord's day? How much of it do we give Him?

A well-known writer of the past said, "One hundred twenty men—filled with God—once shook a city! One hundred twenty churches (claiming apostolic power) can be in one city today, and the city not know it."

Am I wrong in saying that the chief difference is found in Revelation 2:4? Our love for the Lord has grown cold.

Paul could say, "For the love of Christ constraineth us . . ." (I Cor. 5:14). What has His love constrained you to do? If it hasn't constrained you to attend church regularly, pray regularly, invite regularly, help regularly, give regularly, and witness regularly, pray, tell me, what has it done for you? What makes you think you are a new creature in Christ?

While we have been flirting with the world and its glamour and glitter, our real Lover has been neglected. I personally have many reasons to believe that He will soon appear, and I don't want to be found in the arms of the world, sharing its embraces, and enjoying the kisses of the devil.

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to warm our hearts and remove the coldness and indifference. Then let's pray for a better record next month. ▼



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GRACE CHOIR: Left to right (first row), Louise Guss, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pat Labbee, Harrah, Wash.; Sandra Conyers, Wheaton, Ill.; Marcia Mackey, Seattle, Wash.; Rose Mary Everett, Toppenish, Wash.; Carolyn Witzky, Winona Lake, Ind.; Norma La Shure, Bainbridge, N. Y. (Second row) Pam Osborn, Leesburg, Ind.; Barbara Cross, York, Pa.; Jackie Merrick, Washington, D.C.; Sherrie Bradrick, Peoria, Ill.; Vivian Mohler, Dayton, Ohio; Carrell Myers, Mansfield, Ohio; Mary Flint, Long Beach, Calif.; Cherri Knight, Peoria, Ill.; Pat Suittor, Ashland, Ohio. (Third row) Becky Macon, Akron, Ohio; Ed Lewis, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Paul Miller, Glendale, Calif.; Steve Young, Winona Lake, Ind.; Jim Shipley, Dayton, Ohio; Marlene Cornwell, Findlay, Ohio; Sherry Ulrich, Wooster, Ohio. (Top) David Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.; Barry Horn, Wooster, Ohio; Dale McDaniels, Yakima, Wash.; Phil Lance, Montclair, Calif.; Bob Braham, Middlebranch, Ohio; Jerry Dearing, Roanoke, Va.; Bob Stone, Mansfield, Ohio; Bill Clingenpeel, Roanoke, Va. Not pictured: Don Shoemaker, Mansfield, Ohio. Directed by Donald Ogden, Professor of Music.



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Stunning, Apocalyptic Words!

It is becoming popular in our day to startle the public with spectacular statements. Men have discovered this is one way to make a jet-propelled journey to fame. It matters little concerning the veracity of the utterance. Such has been the experience of Professor Thomas J. J. Altizer of Emory University in Georgia. He is coauthor of a book to be published in April entitled *Radical Theology and the Death of God.*

This is cited as evidence of "theological unrest . . . sweeping Protestantism." It is producing a "requiem for God" in a Methodist college, a church without symbols in Atlanta, and a litany in Chicago to "God, who is a bum, a chiseler, who is lazy." It is argued that "the unrest is less profound than the theological unrest of a generation ago led by Reinhold Niebuhr and the late Paul Tillich. But it is infinitely more explosive, for it captivates many of today's seminary students and intrigues an unprecedented number of people in the pews."

Sermons are said to "sparkle with allusions to 'religionless Christianity' and 'sabotage from within.'" A seminary professor insists that "a 'God is dead' mood pervades the thought of 90 per cent of Protestant theologians under 40." All this, it is argued, is inspired by fresh theological insights.

Three Channels of Ferment

The most startling pronouncement of recent date came from Professor Thomas J. J. Altizer, who just a few months ago announced that "God is dead." In unintelligible words he declares that the God of traditional Christianity has died, and that Christians owe their allegiance to Jesus Christ. This is a dark saying, if there ever was one. It most certainly does not mean that God is dead in the sense that anything has happened to the being of God. Nor does the sequel mean that Altizer is a worshiping devotee of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The testimony of Altizer best explains why the "death of God" concept struck him when it did, and what the concept is worth. "It was almost like an old-fashioned Methodist conversion experience," he said. "I was sitting in the main library at the University of Chicago, reading *Nietzsche and Rilke* by Hiller." As he emptied his bottle of Heineken's beer, "That's when the idea hit me. It hit me, and it's never left me." Such reading material could never produce anything but intellectual confusion, and guzzling beer only compounded the confusion.

Comparable with this vacuous pronouncement is that which appeared several years ago under the title of *Honest to God,* by Bishop Robinson of England. This book was neither honest nor to God, but it captivated the imagination of the English reader in the United States and England and sold 1,000,000 copies. This book was merely another in a series of attempts to reduce God to the level of the human and natural. Using science as the fulcrum for his faulty logic, he managed to his satisfaction to get rid of the God "out there" and the God "up there."

Still a third channel of religious infamy has appeared under the title of *The Secular City.* "In an increasingly urbanized civilization . . . men inevitably are turning their attention from matters traditionally thought of as spiritual to matters traditionally thought of as secular or worldly." Churchmen are urged to greet this secularization of society not as a threat, but as an opportunity to strive for "holy worldliness." What contradiction in terms!

But the Issues Are All Old

Dressed up in new garb, parading in new dress, shouting for attention, this so-called new theology is thought by many to be new. All these errors can be found in the unbelief and agnosticism of the past. These pronouncements of theologians are not the product of intellectual minds. They are the emanations of the carnal heart. Every one of these things can be found existing in the darkened minds and hearts of men who never had the opportunity of formal education.

For those who are acquainted with predictive prophecy, this trend is no surprise. Second Timothy, chapters 3 and 4; II Thessalonians, chapter 2; II Peter, chapters 2 and 3; and Jude, all speak of the very things now shocking the sensitive spirits of conservative people. The tidal wave of apostasy and immorality ought to alert every believer as to the lateness of the hour. It cannot be long till the Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

This Is an Hour of Urgency

When schools are vomiting forth such intellectual and moral filth as described above, and this in the name of academic freedom, it is an hour when Christian people should be concerned to give their utmost to support schools that are known to be true to the trust granted them. But it is such schools that are struggling for life. They gasp for want of that help necessary to squeeze through another year. In the midst of galloping inflation, the struggle grows more precarious, and the cry for help is more intense.

This is an hour when Grace Schools needs the help of Brethren people. There is a God in heaven, and we trust Him. We trust that He will work through His people to the supplying of those needs to finish this year in triumph.

Our God is not dead, and His Son who died lives as victor over death and the grave. He it is whom we proclaim as the only Saviour and Lord of life. ▼



(Hammers Photo)

Higher Education: Christian Or Secular ?

By John J. Davis
Instructor in Bible, Grace College

One of the most perplexing problems facing the high school graduate today is the choice of higher education. Should one pursue a liberal arts education in a secular university or a Christian college? What are the differences between these two types of institutions? Are these differences really significant? These questions and many more are being raised by young people today and rightly so. The choice of higher education is one of the most critical decisions a young person will make at that point in his life. Let us briefly consider some significant differences between the two approaches to higher education and their implications for the potential student.

Motives in Education

After careful investigation it will be discovered that the secular institution educates because it feels it can meet the social, economic, technological, and academic needs of the community of men. This motive in itself is not wrong, and some secular schools are, with varying degrees of success, meeting these needs.

But let us ask at this point, are these the *only* needs of the community of men? Has the secular institution been successful in meeting the total spectrum of community needs? The answer must be negative. In fact, many secular institutions are suffering from the same ills that plague the community. Rebellion against authority, moral, ethical and spiritual decay, and theological confusion are as prominent on the secular campus today as they are in society in general.

The Christian college recognizes that there are social, economic, technological and academic needs in the community, and it too is interested in meeting these needs. But the Christian college perspective in education is larger than this. It recognizes, on the basis of the Word of God, that man's fundamental need is not just adjustment to nature or society but adjustment to God, who is the fountainhead of all things. The motivating principle in Christian higher education is therefore not only social or academic but also spiritual. It is committed to the goal of producing people who are spiritually as well as intellectually developed. If man does indeed have a body, soul and spirit, the education process should include development of the whole man. It is the conviction of the Christian college that God, in His Word, has revealed certain unchangeable principles that will enable man to meet not only the needs of his present situation but also the needs of the future, both material and spiritual. This view is not only Biblically sound but also quite realistic in view of the trends of our day.

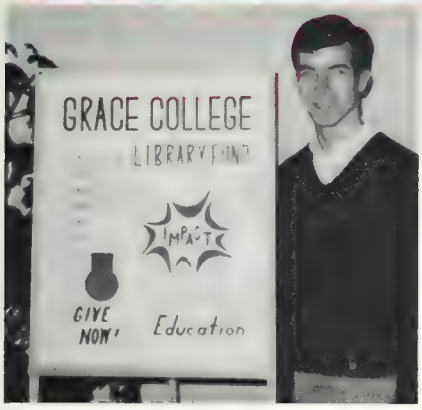
Methods in Education

In spite of the flowery self-appraisals on the part of some secular institutions, the needs of this generation of young people are not being successfully met. It is highly questionable whether most secular schools have the necessary academic, moral and spiritual stability even to realize self-imposed goals. It is disheartening to see the secular academic community so easily influenced by unstable social and religious trends. The student in many secular schools is unnecessarily exposed to, and influenced by, pressures that do not necessarily reflect normal situations in the community, either past or present. This unnecessary exposure to unhealthy, unnatural and superficial pressures is *not* an asset to a good liberal arts education but in most cases a serious detriment to it. The Christian liberal arts institution, on the other hand, attempts to create an academic atmosphere which has as its working base the spiritual, moral and social principles which are to be found in the Word of God, the Bible. These principles are universal in scope and are capable of meeting the essential needs of men in all ages.

It is most interesting to observe that secular institutions are beginning to realize the importance of religion in our society. According to *Time* magazine, February 4, 1966, at least 75 per cent of the nation's four-year colleges have religious courses, and more than 20 per cent of the state schools have separate religious departments. This report would be encouraging except for the fact that there seems to be widespread confusion as to how religion should be presented and what religious ideas should be taught. It is rather evident that secular institutions have some way to go in order to equal the quality of religious education in a sound Christian liberal arts college.

The young person who contemplates investing four years of his life in a secular institution of higher learning should be aware of the philosophy of such an institution with regard to teacher qualifications. This same *Time* article quotes Joseph Blau of Columbia as saying: "It's completely irrelevant to us whether a

CAMPUS NEWS



CHURCH PICKS PROJECT

Endorsement of the Grace library building program has been given by the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, which has officially set a goal of $500 for the project, praying they will be able to double the amount.

By means of a letter to the church from the pastor, the Rev. John R. Dilling, through their bulletin, and by the constant reminder of a poster in the foyer, they are challenging their people to help build the new Grace library.

Designer of the poster above is Terry Davenport, who plans to enroll at Grace in the fall of '66 and who is the son of Moderator Clyde Davenport. Dick Guittar, a senior at Grace, is a son of Paul Guittar, vice-moderator; and Sondra Preda, freshman at Grace, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Preda. Mrs. Preda is church secretary.

COLLEGE CHOIR SCHEDULE

March Appearances (all in Ohio)

25—Grace Brethren, Findlay
26—YFC, Mansfield
27—(a.m.) Woodville Grace Brethren, Mansfield
27—(p.m.) Grace Brethren, Mansfield
28—Grace Brethren, Ashland
29—West Homer Brethren, Homerville
30—Grace Brethren, Middlebranch
31—Fairlawn Brethren, Akron

April Appearances

1—Grace Reformed, Harmony, Pa.
3—(a.m.) Riverside Brethren, Johnstown, Pa.
3—(aft.) Pike Brethren, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
3—(p.m.) First Brethren, Johnstown, Pa.
4—Bible Presbyterian, Coatesville, Pa.
5—First Brethren, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—First Brethren, Washington, D.C.
7—First Brethren, Waynesboro, Pa.
8—Meyersdale Brethren, Meyersdale, Pa.
10—(a.m.) Grace Brethren, Columbus, Ohio
10—(p.m.) Unconfirmed
17—(a.m.) Bethel Brethren, Osceola, Ind.
17—(p.m.) Calvary Baptist, South Bend, Ind.
24—(a.m.) Grace Baptist, South Bend, Ind.
24—(p.m.) First Baptist, Goshen, Ind.

May Appearances

1—(a.m.) Grace Bible, Berne, Ind.
1—(p.m.) Whippoorwill Community, Rochester, Ind.

BOOKCASE DONATED

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Collitt, of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, recently presented to the Women's Residence Hall at Grace College a beautiful bookcase and curio cabinet in memory of Mrs. Collitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mellick.

In addition, the Collitts have supplied 75 fiction and missionary books to be used and enjoyed by the students. This gift is greatly appreciated and is a fitting way to perpetuate the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mellick.—*Mrs. Miriam Uphouse, Dean of Women*

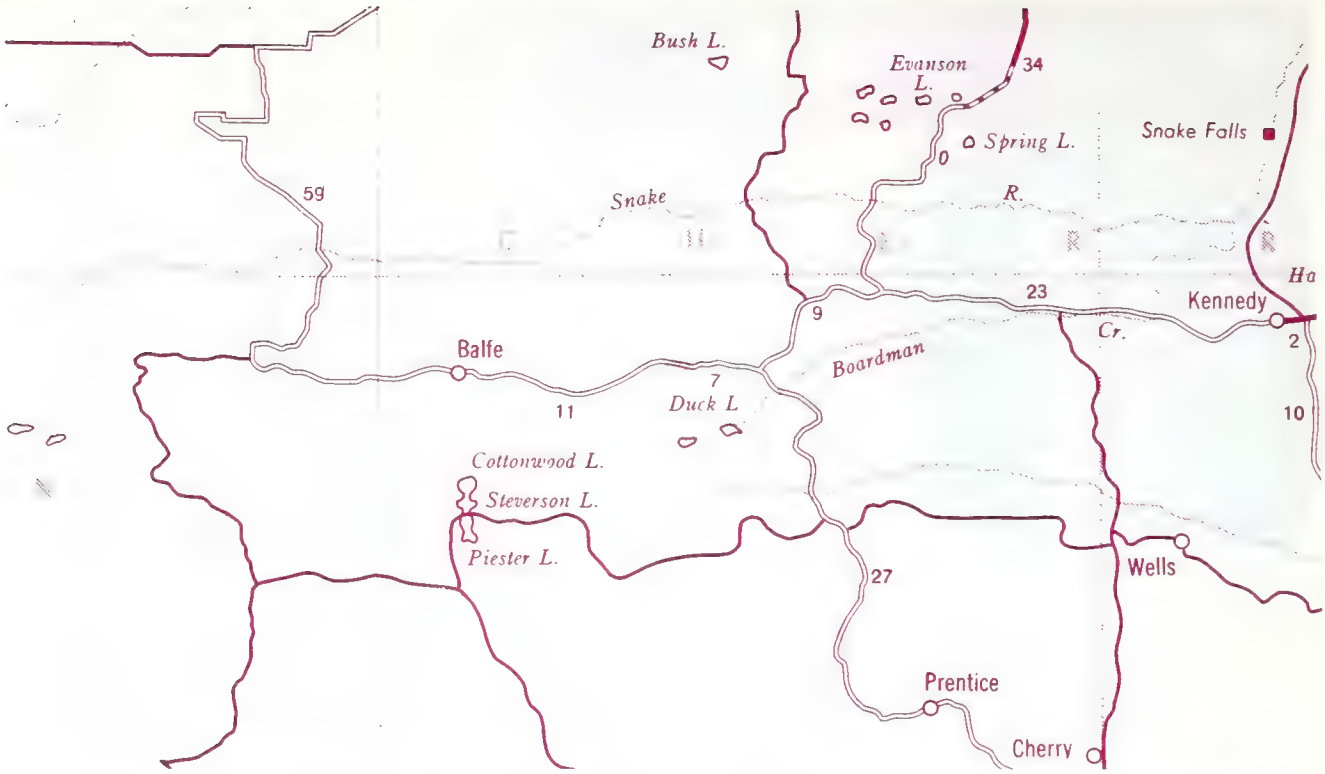


man is a good Christian . . . or a good atheist so long as he is a good and competent scholar." The Christian college is vitally concerned about the spiritual condition of its faculty. How can an instructor teach a student to meet the fundamental needs of life when he himself has not met them?

This same article notes that the result of this liberal policy is that "students who were fundamentalists in September frequently are demythologizers by January." The unfortunate thing about such a change is not only that the student has abandoned the fundamentals of the faith, but also that he has embraced a theological position that is changing and in all probability will pass off the scene within a few years.

Young people should not be pressured into choosing a secular school because of its large number of students. This bigness can no more guarantee a top quality education than the big crowds watching the Mets could guarantee you a championship team.

Allow me to conclude by pointing out that Grace College is a liberal arts college. Its curriculum and its academic challenges are designed to develop a well-balanced and well-prepared student. But Grace College is more than that. It is a *Christian* liberal arts college and as such it attempts to provide the student with a philosophy of life that will be as meaningful twenty years from now as it is today. The academic and spiritual posture of Grace College is not determined by superficial trends but by the Word of God which is eternally settled in heaven. ▼



Oakdale, U.S.A.

By Lenora Humberd

This is Oakdale, U.S.A., a town that knew tragedy a year ago, a town that's just now beginning a new kind of life—because of a Sunday school. Although Oakdale is large enough to have two hospitals, 17 churches, and seven large supermarkets, it's still small enough to ache all over when sorrow hits one part of it—and it did last year.

A new teacher came to the high school in town, and he was a Christian. Many of the students admired him and started attending his Sunday school and church. Unfortunately they were like the members already there. At 9:30 every Sunday they placed their bodies in a chair, their eyes on the teacher, and their minds wherever they happened to wander.

In February a speaker came to the high school to challenge the young people to stand for something and give themselves to a cause. It was the time of year when things were dull in Oakdale, and so one Saturday morning three fellows from the basketball team, one of them Jon Cummings, the deacon's son, headed for the state university to take part in a demonstration. They just had to "stand for something." Things went fine until a group of drunken students showed up with pieces of broken glass and furniture to break up the demonstration. One hundred eleven students were injured that day, and five were trampled to death in the panic. Only one boy returned to Oakdale that night. One was held in the hospital for further observation, and the body of Jon Cummings was shipped home. It shook up the small town.

There was some criticism of the adventure, but most of all a strange sense of guilt settled on the small town, especially on the people of the Sunday school.

At the next Sunday-school Board meeting the question was asked: Where did the Sunday school fail in giving these boys a cause, a reason for living, something to which they could contribute? After much discussion it was decided that something had to be changed. The Board took as its motto "Let's Put School Back into Sunday School" and decided to give the students something worth while.

Upon examining the local school system they discovered six characteristics of the public school which they lacked: (1) organization, (2) training of teachers, (3) a system of testing, (4) discipline, (5) loyalty, and (6) presentation of a challenge.

A Board of Education was established consisting of the pastor, the department heads, two lay people, and a member from each class beginning with the high-school class. The Board decided on the budget, requirements for various positions, and the making and maintaining of regulations. They reported regularly to the congregation.

It was pointed out that school officials felt it important that teachers be trained to use effectively their 30 hours a week with the children. Sunday-school teachers have the children one hour a week. Even the

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Note: This paper was written for a Christian Education Seminar by Miss Humberd, who is a senior at Grace College.

HISTORY FIGHTS BACK!



By Ron Henry

"In case of a flood, stand on this since it will always be dry." This caption graced the inside cover of my high-school history book. And contents of the book left no doubt that the writer of the unsolicited inscription was exactly right.

Our history class matched the arid quality of the book. The baseball coach, who was the original teaching sphinx, performed the role of the paid executioner of the course. Victims in the thousands had suffered the excruciating pain of boredom brought on by the instructor's monotone voice.

Somehow I survived. Maybe it was my thick head and cotton which did the trick.

When I arrived at college, indecision plagued me regarding a major field of study. Really, the only course I had enjoyed in high school was driver's training. However, no institution offered a four-year curriculum for drivers, especially stick shift.

Well, after a year on campus I decided to major in history. It was either that or music. And my vocal efforts are as lethal as my high-school history teacher's voice.

I was pondering how I should teach history after graduation. I had two choices, I reasoned, either destroy the students with my lectures or help them to develop an interest in history. After reflecting, I decided on the latter plan of attack.

Along with this, I determined not to overlook the humor in history. Actually there is more humorous material in history than can be found in a TV comedian's bag of jokes.

Take George Washington, for example. If you believe the cherry tree episode, you ought to know that this particular exploit has sparked the claim that he was probably one of the initial tree surgeons. Or if you accept the narrative about his throwing a silver dollar across the Potomac, you may have observed that a dollar went farther in those days than it does today.

But while humorous considerations have brightened my own perusal of history and perhaps made class sessions less arid for my students, the great influence on my teaching has come as I have observed the real meaning of the panorama of the past.

What is the meaning of history? Over the years, men have sought to define it. Henry Ford asserted that history was bunk. Voltaire maintained that history was nothing more than tricks we play on the dead. Thomas Carlyle proposed that great men constituted history.

The most readily accepted view is that history is what historians think happened. Since they record only that which seems to be of importance, the student is subject to these limitations.

Much more discerning, however, is the concept that history is a revelation of the hand of God working in the lives of men in order to accomplish His purpose. Thus, as Dr. A. T. Pierson has said, history is really "His story." God controls all. The world is steadily moving in the direction determined by the divine Planner. No man or nation can exceed the limits which God has assigned. This is not only a key to understanding history; it is also a comforting conviction in this era of turmoil and tension.

But how can we know that God

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is behind history? For one thing, the Bible itself makes this clear. Read the Old Testament and you read history—not only the rise and fall of Israel, but also the emerging of nations like Assyria and Babylon and their use as instruments of God's judgment.

Scripture also declares categorically that the hand of God is behind history. Perhaps the most striking statement of this fact is the one given to Nebuchadnezzar, the great Babylonian king, who was told that he would become insane until he finally learned "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Dan. 4:32).

The person who turns to the study of the past with the awareness that God is working behind the scenes finds history taking on a new significance. He knows that history is not accident but design. More often than not he will be unable to explain why God chose to move in a certain way, but at other times God's wisdom and purposes can be clearly seen.

Think, for example, of the tremendous importance of the Greek victories over the Persians at Marathon and Salamis in the fifth century B.C. These battles virtually decided the issue of whether our civilization would be Occidental or Oriental. Yet the destruction of two hundred Persian ships at Salamis by a storm and the wet conditions of the marshes at Marathon—both brought about by acts of God—greatly affected the outcome.

Some three hundred years later Europe was saved from the Mohammedans at the Battle of Tours. Here one of the crucial factors was a rumor among the Moors that their tents were being plundered. A movement to protect their camp appeared to be a retreat which turned into a rout.

Again, a six-month delay in the Spanish Armada's plans to attack the English fleet resulted in replacement of a strong commander by a much weaker one. When the attack finally was made, a storm helped scatter and seriously hamper the effectiveness of the Spanish fleet. These factors plus a mistake in the Armada's route of retreat cleared the way for domination of the new world by the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic civilization rather than the Latin world.

American history is likewise full of incidents where the hand of God clearly intervened, changing the outcome of crucial events. George Washington himself recognized this fact in his first inaugural address.

"No people," he declared, "can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States."

When one accepts the concept of history as being shaped by the hand of God, he cannot help being impressed with the significance and importance of his studies, whether learning or teaching. His aim goes far beyond merely noting or presenting facts. He is actually seeking out and discerning the eternal purposes of a Person around whom all history has revolved and will continue to center. This is a privilege which cannot be regarded lightly.

If you view history merely as one more grind—a musty assortment of names, dates and places—not even a sense of humor will be able to wake you up. If you see it for what it really is, however—a reflection of God's moving behind men and events to bring about His purposes—no secular subject will make more sense or be more absorbing. ▼

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natural born teachers could use help in learning to use that hour wisely. So teacher training sessions were established. Teachers were taught to use teaching materials; they were given hints on using their voices, presenting a good appearance, and showing an interest in others. They spent time exchanging ideas and suggestions. Most important of all, they spent time asking the Lord for extra strength and wisdom.

Testing was introduced gradually. First it came orally, then in the form of a quiz. Finally each unit of study was followed by an examination. Students began studying their lessons thoroughly, asking questions in their classes.

It was noticed that misbehavior was not tolerated in the public school; if anything was to be accomplished, it could not be tolerated in the Sunday-school class, either. Offenders were warned, then sent to the superintendent's office or spoken to by the pastor.

As members of the Sunday school saw changes taking place, they too wanted a part in it, and the problem of loyalty took care of itself.

A visitation program was started. People who had never done anything before were encouraged to go along with someone else and observe. Before long visitors did come and the committees were encouraged.

Businessmen agreed to drop a card each day to someone who needed remembering. Teen-agers reserved one night and one afternoon a week to help. The evening was spent in prayer and visitation, and the afternoon was usually spent painting a room, washing windows, or doing other odd jobs to make sure the rooms were in order for Sunday. The women took turns babysitting for others who went on visitation. They agreed to remember one another in prayer and took turns writing letters to missionaries and sending cheer and birthday cards. One entire family was placed by the door each Sunday to act as greeters to the congregation.

The challenge came when the Sunday-school members looked around and saw how many were missing out on the blessing of their Sunday morning services. There was still a large number to be reached.

Well, all this started a year ago and that Sunday school hasn't lost any enthusiasm yet. If you walk down the street a little way you'll spot the new Sunday-school annex they're building. Right along the front you'll find some new shrubbery. It was given in memory of Jon Cummings by his friends. They have truly found something worth living for and they want to tell others about it—because of a Sunday school! ▼

Heralds Cut Record

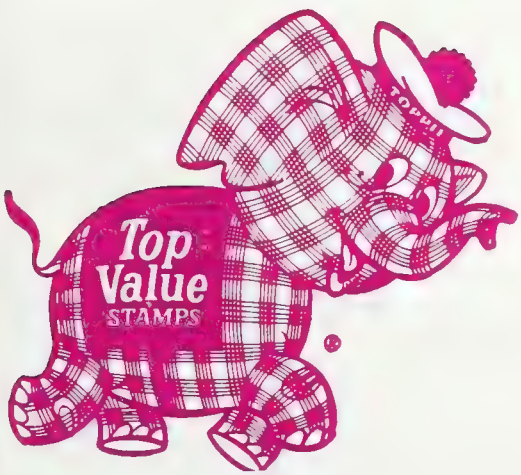


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WEEK END!

How much challenge are the young people of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches receiving relative to going into Christian higher education? This is an area that is sadly neglected in many churches today.

On February 4 to 6 the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, and the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, joined their youth groups in a weekend retreat near Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Rev. John Terrell, pastor of the Martinsburg church, was the retreat director. Over fifty teen-agers and counselors spent a weekend that will bear fruit for many years to come.

The retreat began with the evening meal on Friday. There was nearly three feet of snow on the ground, so the dining hall was especially warm and inviting. After a delicious meal, Richard Messner, director of development for Grace College and Seminary, led in an informal time of singing and testimonies and then showed colored slides of the Grace campus. The weekend was thus started with the challenge of our college and seminary.

On Saturday the teen-agers were divided into "buzz sessions" dealing with three problems: "What is worldliness?" "What is spiritual mindedness?" and "What are ten rules for Christian teen-age living?" As the day progressed, tobogganing, sledding, and skiing were sandwiched in with the singing, "out of this world" food, and informal discussions on the values of a Christian college education. In the evening each of the discussion groups reported on their "buzz sessions." The conclusions presented by the young people were stimulating, thought provoking, and spiritually refreshing. The evening ended with a two-mile hike through the snow-covered hills, popcorn and apples, and more sharing of ideas.

This group of young people represents untold potential in service for Jesus Christ. Brethren churches all across our brotherhood have young people just like these who need to be challenged to live the Christian life and then challenged to receive a Christian higher education. What is your church doing? ▼



A hootenanny . . .



And discussion . . .



Weekend of impact . . . (W. Gates photos)

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THE MANY FACES OF SISTERHOOD

From the Editor's Desk--By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

DIGGING DOWN!
LOOKING UP!
PUSHING OUT!

FOUNDATIONS "Digging down" reminds us of foundations. No organization, no unit of the Lord's work is stronger than its foundation. The Word says, "Other foundation can no man lay that that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has had no other purpose. It has no message except as that message is centered in the Word of God.

How well we have built on that foundation, our God will need to judge. We claim our share of failures, but He has never failed. We hear much of profit and loss today. Well, how we have built will reveal itself in either profit or loss. "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:12-15).

At the least, much of the work of our Society has been abundantly blessed of God. We praise Him! We rejoice in the privilege of serving, and that He has accounted us worthy to be used in His work.

VISION "Looking up" is vision. "Looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith." We look to Jesus, and then we look to the whitened harvest fields. "Where there is no vision, the people perish," said the one of old. This is an agelong truth. We need to look at today and see how well we are serving. Then we need to look forward to tomorrow. We can well ask ourselves, "Are we willing to spend and be spent for Jesus Christ?" Vision for tomorrow, yes, and for the tomorrows ahead until Jesus comes!

The year of 1975 will be the Diamond Jubilee of the Foreign Missionary Society. Now is the time, during the intervening ten years—the "Decade of Decision"—to offer ourselves, in a way that is new and different, for the evangelization of a lost world.

HARD WORK! "Pushing out" is hard work. Of course, all we can do in our own strength will be pure loss in this evangelization of a lost world. But, we can offer ourselves with all the moil and toil and the sweat and tears, that God may use our humble and broken efforts to His glory. In one sense it is time to stand still and see the power of God working; in another sense, we should work for the night is coming.

Communism is a blackness-of-night shadow stretching across the world. We have hope of winning men and women for Jesus Christ, if we reach them before communism does. Oh, yes, we would have hope of winning many, even after the dark shadow of communism might have fallen across the world, but we have hope of winning many, many, many more if we reach them first.

Let's make 1966, the first year of this "Decade of Decision," to be the greatest year in the history of Brethren Foreign Missions. God can and He will—if we so present ourselves that He can use us.

What better time can there be to make this enthusiastic and sacrificial beginning than in this Easter season? We have the risen Christ. The world needs to know of this risen Christ. There is no other hope. Today is the day to present salvation to the lost of the world. ▼



COVER PHOTOS

For the 53rd time, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, the official girls' work of The Brethren Church, celebrates a birthday. In commemoration of this, the cover is devoted to the many aspects and moods of the SMM. Photos by Phil Landrum and Rev. Edmund Leech. Cover by Phil Landrum.

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Missionary Appointments, Field Additions, Aid Approvals Are Features of Annual Midyear FMS Board Meeting

At Winona Lake, Indiana, the FMS Board of Trustees convened for their midyear meeting February 21 to 25 with 100 per cent attendance. A number of candidates were interviewed, several new missionaries were appointed to the fields, and a large amount of important business was transacted.

Missionaries appointed—By authority granted by the Society, the board made the following appointments: for Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDairmant of our Seal Beach, California, church; for Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hodgdon of our Wooster, Ohio, congregation, and Rev. and Mrs. George ("Duke") Wallace of North English, Iowa, where Brother Wallace is presently pastor. Also approved for Africa were Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, who have already served two terms in that land but have been in the homeland for several years now. They live in Limestone, Tennessee, and Brother Kennedy is pastor of our Brethren church there. Further announcement will be made concerning these candidates in the months ahead.

Personnel needs—France and Africa present most urgent appeals. Three more families are greatly needed in France. A plea was made by Africa for two typists, a business manager, another teacher for the missionary children's school, teachers for the new inter-mission high school to begin in August, teachers for the James Gribble Memorial High School, and a number of missionary elders. An urgent appeal is being made for replacements during furloughs of a doctor, a dentist, and a printer.

Educational allowance for missionary children—The annual allowance for elementary school children on the field has been increased to $250 per child; for high school age on the field, $350; for children of missionaries in training above high school in the U.S.A., $450. The national SMM has been assisting very generously in this last item.

Gifts to our Hawaii Brethren churches—Our Society has a project for a revolving fund from which loans can be made to our Hawaii churches for the erection of church buildings. However, those who desire to give directly to these churches, rather than to the revolving loan fund, may do so. In that case the gifts should be sent directly to the churches. Receipts in these cases will be issued by the churches to which the gifts are made and not by the Foreign Missionary Society.

Scholarships—The board has approved the suggestion of a scholarship plan for African young people, when recommended by the African churches, to receive further training in the U.S.A.—probably in Grace College. We will be happy to hear from individuals or groups who may be interested in assisting.

In a new nation—The Tchad is one of the four African nations which formerly made up French Equatorial Africa—directly north of the Central African Republic. We have about forty churches in that land. Steps are being taken for our formal entrance into the Tchad. Some buildings have been approved. Direction of the new work has been entrusted to Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever. The Klievers will probably live at N'Zoro, C.A.R., for the present, which is near the Tchad border.

Administrative changes—As a part of the retirement plan arranged by the board, some changes are to be made. The office of general secretary of the Society will be discontinued as of January 1, 1967, at which time the present general secretary, Russell D. Barnard, will retire from leadership. The work will be divided into two areas of responsibility under a home secretary and a foreign secretary. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, who for over ten years has served as assistant general secretary, will become the home secretary, and Rev. John W. Zielasko, who has served as a missionary in Brazil for three terms, will become the foreign secretary. ▼



Launching the boat as the crowd gathers.

By Rev. Dean Risser

Eighteen months ago the Bill Burks moved into a small, country village on the Quatipuru River. My wife and I saw and heard the progress made there by the Gospel of Christ, and observed firsthand some of the methods the Lord has blessed.

A decade earlier a Pentecostal group had tried to establish a spiritual beachhead in Squirreltown. They set up a platform with sound system and musical instruments, started a public meting . . . and were promptly run off by a gang of young rough necks hired by the lay leaders of the Catholic church. The Pentecostal group made a similar effort several times, with the same result every time.

We met Miguel when we were there recently, one of two keen young men studying weekly with Bill Burk. Ten years ago he helped to drive out the Protestants; now he is a pastor in training, although his father is still a lay leader in the local Catholic church. He is married and has five children, and works long hours in the timber, seeking to memorize 12 Scripture verses every day on the way to and from work. How did this happen?

When the Burks arrived, they bought a house, moved in, and Bill began work on his second boat, "Vamos (Let's Go!) II." The Brazilians, always friendly, began to drop by to talk with the American and to have a look at his boat. And since Squirreltown is a market town, people from outlying areas who heard of this wonder stopped by to behold it while they were in town.

The people liked Senhor Bill, and listened politely to his talk of salvation in Jesus Christ. They even bought his New Testaments and accepted his gospel recordings and hand-wound record players, and asked questions. Some returned later to tell that they had become believers in Jesus Christ.

When the boat was finished and time came to visit other areas along the rivers and bays, Bill already had friends in these places who welcomed him into their homes and introduced him to their friends. All this time there were no announced public meetings, no preaching services, no church building. Personal witnessing and home visitation did the job.

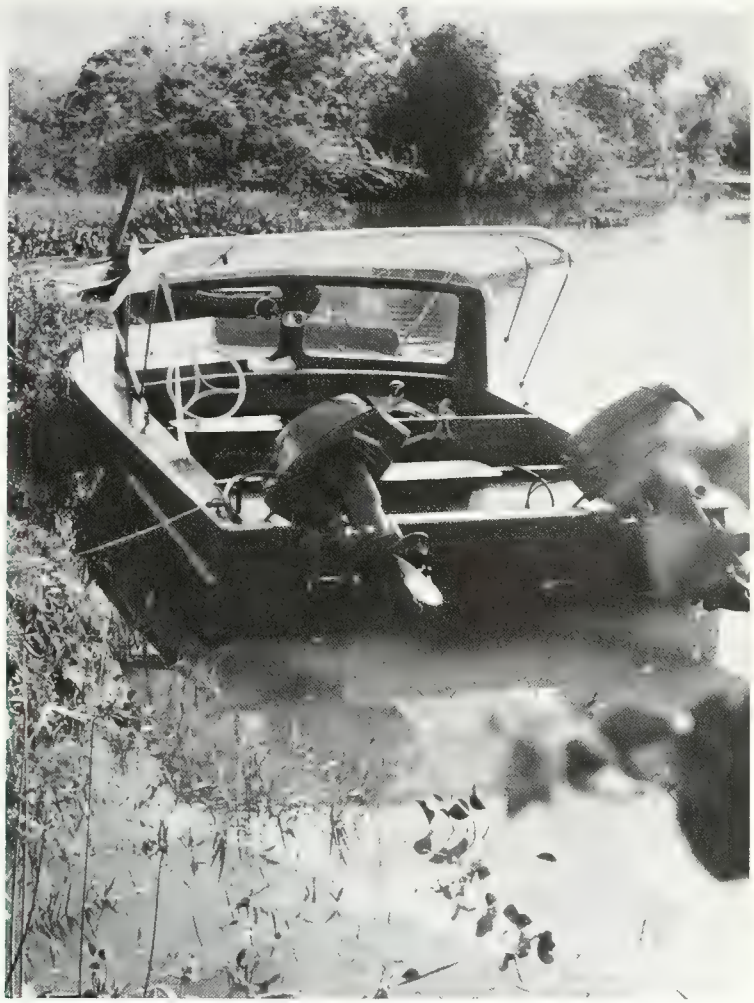
What happened was that the people of the area got to like Senhor Bill before they found out they were supposed to hate him. Without intending to, they had found out that Protestants were not the devils they had been told they were.

Now, those who had received Christ began to witness and to lead others to Christ. Bill met with groups here and there for Bible study. Whenever he said he would be at a certain person's home for Bible study, that place would be full. Two young men, Neco and Miguel, began to

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AN AMERICAN IN BRAZIL

By Ella Lee Risser



When Rev. and Mrs. Dean Risser took a trip to Brazil, their most interesting means of transportation was "Vamos II," which is operated by missionary Bill Burk.

After being aroused at daybreak by dogs, roosters, and people outside our bedroom window, I realized that this was the day I was to go up-river in the boat with my husband and Bill Burk. Linda Burk was a most welcome companion on the trip. After eating breakfast, we made preparations for the day and Imogene packed a lunch for us.

As the boat was pushed down the street, a crowd gathered at the dock to watch. I had never walked on such a rickety dock before, but that was the only way to get into the boat. This trip up Quatipuru River was one of unusual beauty—a clear, calm, sunny day—the winding river as smooth as blue glass—the dense, high jungle growth along the river's edge—the beautiful birds and flowers.

After an hour or so we turned down a small stream off the main river. The water hyacinths were pretty until they clogged the motor. I had on a life jacket, but that was not much comfort for one who could not swim. After rocking the boat and moving the mass of hyacinths with an oar, the men got the motors started again and we were on our way.

Even though we did not see any signs of civilization, Bill knew just where to stop and tie up the boat. Just beyond the jungle growth was a clearing like a meadow. We walked half a mile to find some farm folks at home. The house was like so many in Quatipuru—made of mud, with palm-thatched roof, dirt floor, open windows and doors, crude benches to sit on, and dogs and chickens walking in and out. Yet an elderly couple heartily invited us to come in and gave us a bench to sit on while they all stood. There were many members of the family living in this large house. Most of them were out working in the gardens. Early that morning they had killed a pig to provide food. Part of the meat was hanging over one of the rafters. There was a piece of pork on a work table, and while we were visiting, a chicken jumped up to get a snack and had to be chased away. Linda brought along a doll for the children to hold. It was interesting to watch even the teen-agers hold the doll and look longingly at it. But even more interesting to watch were the faces of the people as Bill talked to them of the Lord and read to them from the Bible. Before his previous trips, they had never heard the gospel story. If these people ever go to heaven it will be only because of





Rev. and Mrs. Dean Risser

the witnessing of the missionary and the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. These folks were so kind and friendly—yet so lost.

Just before we left, the "old man" climbed up a giant papaya tree for us. In order to pick the fruit, he rigged a ladder in the tree as it had grown. Yet this was a dangerous thing to do, because a papaya tree is a brittle plant—not really a tree. The man must have been over eighty years old but was still as agile as could be. He made it safely!

The grandmother could not comprehend that I could not understand her. She thought Bill had brought us from the United States in his boat. Linda explained to her that we had come down on a plane. As we started to leave, one of the girls handed me two eggs. That thoughtful gift accompanied by a smile will always be remembered.

We walked through the fields to visit three other homes. In two of them teen-age girls could read and they had a New Testament that Bill had left before. He encouraged them to read it. In one house there was an old man very ill in a hammock. The "seed" was sown and would be "watered" again in two weeks.

At lunch time we went back through the hyacinths to a lovely shady spot to tie up the boat along the water's edge. Lemonade, fried chicken, sandwiches, and brownies had never tasted so good before. There were more places to visit in the afternoon. We arrived back home tired, but thrilled that God's Word is being sown in many faraway places. ▼

Squirreltown!

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show real discernment and leadership qualities, so Bill began to meet with them to give them special help. These two young men demonstrated an exceptional grasp of the Word of God despite the fact that they had only a sixth-grade education.

Bill continues to spend his days in calling in homes in various settlements and villages, encouraging and teaching the believers and urging the others to receive Christ and a new birth. On January 1 they decided to hold regular meetings on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at Squirreltown. A local congregation is established.

Squirreltown and our other Brazilian mission points showed us once again that a faithful, believing presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will transform lives. The great need in Brazil is for more missionaries to proclaim the Gospel and train the believers to live for Christ and reach their own people.

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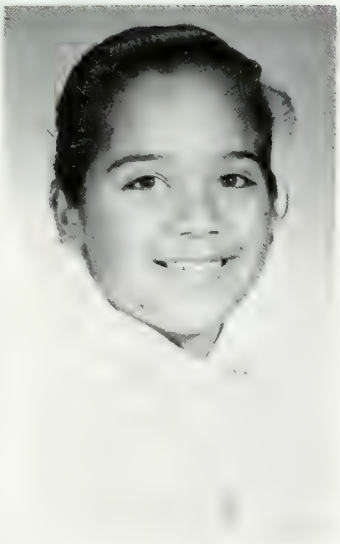
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A Hawaiian Missionary Helper

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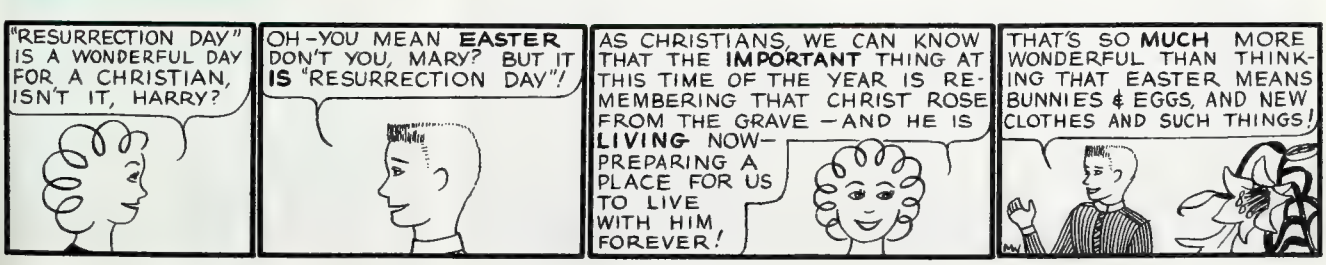
I was saved when I was nine years old. I take part in our missionary programs at church. I witness to my classmates at school. I invite others to Sunday school and help pass out the bulletins and tracts in our community.

Love,
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Mrs. Tresise, missionary, and some of the boys and girls in the Waipio, Hawaii, Sunday school which Shirley attends.

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2.	Elizabethtown, Pa.	47.40
3.	Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	45.40
4.	Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	39.99
5.	Wooster, Ohio	39.57
6.	Arvada, Colo.	39.23
7.	Wheaton, Ill.	38.43
8.	Seal Beach, Calif.	37.69
9.	Tracy, Calif.	37.02
10.	Dallas Center, Iowa	33.35
11.	Berne, Ind.	32.50
12.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	31.85
13.	Lancaster, Pa.	30.45
14.	La Habra, Calif.	30.39
15.	Middlebranch, Ohio	29.06
16.	Manheim, Pa.	28.86
17.	Osceola, Ind.	27.99
18.	Warsaw, Ind.	27.83
19.	Dayton, Ohio (First)	27.32
20.	Winona Lake, Ind.	26.59
21.	Grand Terrace, Calif.	26.56
22.	Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	26.12
23.	Beaumont, Calif.	25.94
24.	Davenport, Iowa	25.56
25.	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	24.16
26.	Englewood, Ohio	23.59
27.	South Bend, Ind.	23.49
28.	Bellflower, Calif.	23.16
29.	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	23.10
30.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	22.57
31.	Allentown, Pa.	22.20
32.	Meyersdale, Pa.	21.93
33.	Portis, Kans.	21.89
34.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	21.73
35.	Norwalk, Calif.	21.49
36.	Fort Myers, Fla.	21.47
37.	Elkhart, Ind.	21.06
38.	La Puente, Calif.	21.05
39.	Waynesboro, Pa.	20.94
40.	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	20.90
41.	Harrisburg, Pa.	20.77
42.	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	20.32
43.	Rittman, Ohio	19.97
44.	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	19.97
45.	Everett, Pa.	19.77
46.	Sidney, Ind.	19.56
47.	Conemaugh, Pa.	19.42
48.	Sunnyside, Wash.	19.03
49.	Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	18.90
50.	New Troy, Mich.	18.62
51.	Ankenytown, Ohio	18.47
52.	Flora, Ind.	18.21
53.	Sterling, Ohio	17.82
54.	Clayton, Ohio	17.59
55.	Phoenix, Ariz.	17.27
56.	Martinsburg, Pa.	16.92
57.	Leesburg, Ind.	16.88
58.	Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	16.87
59.	Long Beach, Calif. (North)	16.82
60.	Johnstown, Pa. (First)	16.73
61.	Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	16.44
62.	Toppenish, Wash.	16.37
63.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	16.35
64.	Waterloo, Iowa	16.33
65.	Inglewood, Calif.	16.22
66.	Garwin, Iowa	16.06
67.	Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	15.75
68.	Vandalia, Ohio	15.57
69.	Yakima, Wash.	14.84
70.	Cleveland, Ohio	14.66
71.	Washington, Pa.	14.30
72.	Tucson, Ariz.	14.02
73.	South Gate, Calif.	13.87
74.	Margate, Fla.	13.85
75.	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	13.65
76.	Washington, D.C. (First)	13.48
77.	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	13.43
78.	Grandview, Wash.	13.42
79.	Kokomo, Ind.	13.31
80.	Temple City, Calif.	13.17
81.	Albany, Oreg.	13.12
82.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	13.12
83	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	12.90
84.	Akron, Ohio (First)	12.81
85.	Troy, Ohio	12.50
86.	York, Pa.	12.34
87.	Altoona, Pa. (First)	12.20
88.	Harrah, Wash.	12.09
89.	Portland, Oreg.	12.01
90.	Compton, Calif.	11.74
91.	Glendale, Calif.	11.72
92.	Winona, Minn.	11.62
93.	Columbus, Ohio	11.61
94.	Denver, Colo.	11.61
95.	Limestone, Tenn.	11.60
96.	Palmyra, Pa.	11.54
97.	Norton Village, Ohio	11.52
98.	Bell, Calif.	11.47
99.	Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	11.15
100.	Peru, Ind.	10.96
101.	Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	10.95
102.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	10.91
103.	Rialto, Calif.	10.90
104.	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	10.68
105.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	10.53
106.	Westminster, Calif.	10.50
107.	Duncansville, Pa.	10.46
108.	Sellersburg, Ind.	10.40
109.	Montclair, Calif.	10.27
110.	Gardena, Calif.	10.26
111.	Jenners, Pa.	10.26
112.	Brookville, Ohio	10.17
113.	Alto, Mich.	10.12
114.	Simi, Calif.	10.02
115.	Hastings, Mich.	9.77
116.	Winchester, Va.	9.74
117.	Lake Odessa, Mich.	9.69
118.	La Verne, Calif.	9.51
119.	Covington, Va.	9.30
120.	Filmore, Calif.	9.24
121.	Hatboro, Pa.	9.09
122.	Homerville, Ohio	9.00
123.	Kent, Wash.	8.95
124.	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	8.84
125.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	8.84
126.	Leon, Iowa	8.70
127.	Uniontown, Pa.	8.22
128.	Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	8.21
129.	Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	8.10
130.	Jackson, Mich.	8.01
131.	Hollins, Va.	7.95
132.	Danville, Ohio	7.86
133.	Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	7.83
134.	Accident, Md.	7.63
135.	Goshen, Ind.	7.57
136.	Aleppo, Pa.	7.45
137.	Whittier, Calif. (First)	7.39
138.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	7.38
139.	Findlay, Ohio	7.11
140.	West Covina, Calif.	7.11
141.	Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	7.08
142.	Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	7.00
143.	Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	6.88
144.	Listie, Pa.	6.81
145.	Clay City, Ind.	6.52
146.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	6.42
147.	Jefferson Center, Pa.	6.23
148.	Beaverton, Oreg.	6.15
149.	Sacramento, Calif.	6.13
150.	Trotwood, Ohio	5.99
151.	Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	5.87
152.	Galion, Ohio	5.76
153.	Ozark, Mich.	5.61
154.	Elyria, Ohio	5.51
155.	Canton, Ohio	5.48
156.	Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	5.35
157.	Hopewell, Pa.	5.33
158.	San Diego, Calif.	5.32
159.	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5.30
160.	Spokane, Wash.	5.22
161.	Bothell, Wash.	5.06
162.	Lansing, Mich.	5.05
163.	Johnson City, Tenn.	4.98
164.	Dryhill, Ky.	4.94
165.	West Alexandria, Ohio	4.71
166.	Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	4.63
167.	Clayhole, Ky.	4.53
168.	Grass Valley, Calif.	4.23
169.	Anaheim, Calif.	4.17
170.	Chico, Calif.	3.93
171.	San Bernardino, Calif.	3.74
172.	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	3.72
173.	San Jose, Calif.	3.63
174.	Parkersburg, W. Va.	3.62
175.	Kettering, Ohio	3.59
176.	Alexandria, Va.	3.50
177.	Camden, Ohio	3.47
178.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	3.46
179.	Washington, D.C. (Grace)	3.43
180.	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	3.33
181.	Taos, N. Mex.	3.07
182.	Glendora, Calif.	2.95
183.	Stoystown, Pa (Reading)	2.79
184.	North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	2.76
185.	Westernport, Md.	2.64
186.	Virginia Beach, Va.	2.32
187.	Buena Vista, Va.	2.31
188.	South Pasadena, Calif.	2.19
189.	Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	1.49
190.	Radford, Va.	1.27
191.	Artesia, Calif.	1.11
192.	Beaver City, Nebr.	1.10
193.	Des Moines, Iowa	.98
194.	Grafton, W. Va.	.98
195.	Sinking Springs, Ohio	.80
196.	Covington, Ohio	.64
197.	Seven Fountains, Va.	.49

Foreign Missions Makes News

. . . in Virginia Beach . . .

It was Thursday, and the large yellow flour-and-salt map of Brazil, with the Brazilian flag hanging beside it, was ready. Pictures of "Those Taking His Rest to a Land of Unrest," the flag of the Central African Republic, and the miniature African hut village with little African children were also finished. Flags of all seven Brethren foreign mission fields had been hung in the sanctuary with name cards of the fields over the flags. The leftover material was cleaned up as the clock showed 3:45 p.m. Missionaries John Zielasko, Ruth Kent, and Marian Thurston arrived at four o'clock.

This was the beginning of one of the greatest missionary conferences the Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia, has ever experienced. The average attendance was 94. Other missionaries present for the four days were Edith Geske, Marie Mishler, and Don Hocking.



In addition to six services, the conference included a missionary fellowship dinner, a WMC meeting and luncheon with the missionaries, a Pioneer Girls dinner for the missionaries, and a missionary news conference with the ACT young people.

On Sunday, 28 Christians, mostly young people, indicated publicly their intention to follow Jesus wherever He would lead for training and service.

A missionary fellowship circle around the auditorium, with several prayers, concluded the conference on Sunday evening.—*Rev. A. H. Arrington.* ▼

. . . and Los Altos

Conquest, Revolution, Challenge, Dedication. These words set the stage for the recent foreign mission banquet at Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, where 200 Brethren, including pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, and WMC chairmen and spouses, of 36 Southern California churches met for challenge, inspiration and blessings.

A delicious dinner of roast beef, hot rolls, and all the extras set the mood for a great evening of fellowship.

Missionaries present included Walter and Alys Haag, Mrs. Miriam Churchill, Mrs. Loree Sickel, and Wayne and Dorothy Beaver.

Banners with the words "Decade for Decision" stood out on each table —ready reminders of the significance of our times for foreign missions. Clyde Landrum, assistant general secretary, in his heart-warming and captivating way, brought the delegation up to date on foreign missions activity. New foreign missions bulletins were introduced and Brother Landrum emphasized the effective uses of the key words: Conquest, Revolution, Challenge, and Dedication.

Special music was provided by soloist Herman Denos, of the North Long Beach Brethren Church.

Following the banquet the brethren assembled in the auditorium for the premiere showing of "Dateline: Argentina." This challenging presentation concluded a great evening of foreign missions emphasis.—*Harold Penrose, host pastor.* ▼



An Easter Meditation

"Come and See Go and Tell"



By Mrs. Thomas Hammers
National WMC President

Some twenty years ago on a warm spring day our little four-year-old came bursting into the kitchen calling, "Mommy, Mommy, come and see!" The excitement and earnestness in her voice brought an end to my half-finished task as I followed her out the door and across the lawn to the flower bed. There at the very edge of the grass in all of its radiant beauty was a golden crocus blossom. It had broken forth from its cold, dark tomb into newness of life to tell the glad news that winter was gone, spring had come.

Little wonder the sight of it had so delighted the heart of our child that her first desire was to run and tell what she had seen. No wonder she cried, "Come and see!" For what is more thrilling to see or to tell about than that which has come forth in newness of life?

I remember the day we went calling at the home of a young couple. When we rang the bell the first grader opened the door and said, "Oh, come and see my new baby brother." This baby was the answer to his prayer and he wanted to show everyone and tell everyone about him. The miracle of a new life had become a part of his own experience.

The marvelous message of the Resurrection, the new life, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is just as simple as that. "Come and see—go and tell." It was Matthew who recorded the words of the angel to the women at the tomb: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."

Did the women leave without seeing? No, they immediately entered the sepulcher and found it empty! Jesus was not there. Did they go without telling? No, indeed; "They departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word." They did not hesitate or put it off until the morrow. They ran breathlessly, their head scarves streaming behind them in the early morning breeze, to spread the news: "He is risen!"

But what if they had turned from the tomb with saddened hearts and said, "It is too good to be true, so we won't go and tell." What if they had said, "Today our families need us, so we can't take time to go and tell." Or what if they had reasoned, "We were afraid we won't know what to say so we will go home and keep it to ourselves." Yes, what if?

But they did none of these things and great was their reward. A wondrous thing happened. "Jesus met them on the way." Here was their risen Lord before them. Here was the One who had been dead and buried in the tomb. In their fear and love they fell down, and holding Him by the feet they worshiped him. Oh, what joy to see Him whom they loved! What joy to hear Him speak as He said, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."

These devout women who arose early in the morning to anoint the body of their Lord were accorded an unforgettable experience because they were obedient to the words of the angel, "Go quickly and tell." Theirs was the supreme joy not only of seeing the risen Lord first but also of hearing Him speak to them. His beloved voice alone could calm all their fears. None but His voice could remove all their doubts. Yes, His voice and the sight of His shining face alone could wipe away the horror and tears of Calvary which had haunted them for three long days and nights. Now they knew He was alive. The miracle of His resurrected life had become a part of their own experience.

But having seen Jesus they dared not linger, for they must hurry on to tell His disciples all they had seen and heard.

Let us who have seen Jesus ask ourselves: Is Christ any less alive today than then? Is the message, "He is risen," any less urgent now than on that first Easter morn? Is the promise of His soon return to take us, only a vain promise in which we can have no hope? No! A thousand times no! The miracle still remains and the command "Go quickly and tell" is of far greater importance now. More people than ever have not heard, and His coming draws closer and closer.

Let us remember that if the women had not gone to tell, they would not have had the great joy of seeing their Saviour on the way. So it is with us; if we do not go and tell the wondrous news, we shall never have the supreme joy of seeing our Saviour enthroned in the heart of another whom we have met on the way. Let us who have come to Jesus and have seen Him also go and tell of Him. ▼

A 1965-66 WMC Birthday Missionary, Mrs. Edmund Leech, Writes:

"A LONG WAY TO HAWAII"

(Preface: The story of the lives of Edmund and Virginia Leech would, it seems, furnish excellent material for a book! But here, in brief form, is Mrs. Leech's own story.—Marcia Wardell.)

What a joy it is to be one of your "birthday missionaries"! And I'm happy to tell you of the leading of the Lord in my life.

How gracious it was of the Lord to bring spiritual blessing into our home in Milwaukee when, as I was a young woman of 20, my mother was gloriously saved. Mother, my brother, and I were good, faithful church people. In fact, I taught in Sunday school; but, alas, I was lost. When Mother became the Lord's, she of course sought to witness to us. For the first time in her life she had reality, and we noticed the great change in her life in the months that followed. Some time later—after being brought under a great sense of conviction and yet too proud to admit it—I had the joy of receiving the Lord into my heart and life. What a change took place! Things I once found enjoyable—my bridge club, dancing, the theater—all dropped off. Instead, I had a desire to be pleasing to Him and wanted my life to count for Him.

Shortly after this a missionary came to the Bible class we were attending. To my knowledge I had *never* seen or heard a missionary. Hitherto I considered missionaries queer people who could not find fulfillment or happiness in ordinary pursuits of life, so they offered themselves for such boring work! God spoke to my heart that night. When the invitation was given for surrender and dedication, I *had* to respond. With others I stood, not knowing what the future held. But in my heart I earnestly said, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

Things began to happen. The Lord made it clear that the next step for me was Moody Bible Institute. The following fall I enrolled as a student in the missionary course at Moody. My first practical work assignment was a Sunday-school class in Chicago's Chinatown. I remember still how fear lurked in my heart, for up to that time I had had a fear of Oriental people. But the Lord spoke words of assurance to my heart, and the following Sunday afternoon I made my way to Chinatown. For three happy years I had the privilege and joy of teaching Chinese children the Word of God. Thus my interest grew in Oriental people, and God took away all fear and instead gave me a love for these people. I began attending Asia prayer bands, and also weekly prayer meetings at the China Inland Mission home. When news of the martyrdom of John and Betty Stam in faraway China came to us, a service was held in their memory at Moody church. There I, together with others, responded and gave my life definitely for the Orient. Before graduation I applied for service under the China Inland Mission.

After arriving on the field I became occupied with the intricacies and difficulties of an Oriental language. What a happy day it was when I was able to conduct a morning prayer service! A year after my arrival in China I met Edmund Leech from New Zealand, who was also a missionary. Six months later, amid bombing raids, we were quietly married in central China. The knot was well tied, for in the morning we were married by the British Consulate and in the afternoon we were again married by one of our dear fellow missionaries in our mission home in Hankow.



Mrs. Leech

After seven years of fruitful service, the serious illness of our firstborn made it imperative that we seek to leave China. Due to the Sino-Japanese war there was no way out of China but by her back door. And I can assure you that in those days there was absolutely *nothing* modern about our means of travel! After only a few days of travel my husband came down with typhus fever, which meant a delay of six weeks at one of our mission stations. In the goodness of the Lord he was restored to us.

Step by step God opened the door. We flew out of China, over the Himalayas, into hot India. After a month in Calcutta and Bombay, we embarked for the United States. God had His hand upon us. Although we were often in dangerous waters and sometimes had to travel in a convoy, and after having several days in South Africa plus the interesting experience of passing through the Panama Canal, we arrived safely in New York.

How wonderful it was to be home again! We sought medical aid for our son. Then in the providence of God we were to have sorrow after sorrow. While we were waiting for a sailing date to return to China—with our trunks all packed and roped—the Lord made it clear that He had other plans. Edmund came down with TB. Apparently he had picked it up in China, but it did not become apparent until he began hemorrhaging. For six years he struggled with it, but the Lord was gracious and a full recovery was made. At that time we were living in New Zealand.

The Lord led us back to the States,

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A GLIMPSE OF CHATEAU LIFE



By Mrs. John Miesel

(WMC editor's note: this is the fourth in a series of articles relating to our national WMC offerings. The Chateau in France is our foreign missions project.)

Mention the word "chateau," and due to somewhat hazy memories of studies in Medieval history one immediately conjures up an image of an old castle, wherein lived the lord and his fair lady, their entourage of servants, gallant knights, court jesters, and so forth. However, a visit to the present-day Chateau of St. Albain, in eastern France, quickly negates this mental image.

It is a place of activity all right, but quite different from the events that may have transpired there in centuries past.

There are no guards in the tower to warn against enemy invasion; rather, a warm welcome awaits as the heavy wooden gates swing open to admit the frequent, wayfaring strangers, who seem irrepressibly drawn to the old castle overlooking the Saone River and the little village of St. Albain, nestled on its banks.

The chateau's extensive yards and beautiful garden are no longer besieged by enemy soldiers, but you may notice a troop of noisy children who have arrived for the Wednesday afternoon Bible class, or a group of happy, active, young people who have made their way there for the monthly weekend retreat.

And what of "my lord" and "his lady"? The responsibility, as in days of yore, to oversee this large domain is theirs. But there the similarity ends, for they play roles very different from those of the ancient "seigneur" and "sa dame."

"My lord" is apt to be found, not seated close to the crackling fireplace with his hunting dog at his feet, but rather carrying in logs to keep the huge living rooms heated, or unthawing a frozen water pipe, or carrying in an armful of French bread to feed the hungry young people who have invaded his domain for the weekend. If he is not here, you might find him in his study, conferring with a French pastor, praying with fellow missionaries, or preparing a Bible study.

Meanwhile you may chance upon "my lady" anywhere from "le cave jusqu'au grenier" (from the cellar to the attic), engaged in any one of her varied duties. She may be in the cellar, loading up a dish-pan full of potatoes to prepare for the noon meal; or in the main-floor kitchen, making yogurt for fifty people; or on the second floor, along with her "lady-in-waiting," Wanda Kauffman, doing the chateau washing; or up yet another flight of stairs in the old attic, hanging up this huge laundry.

You will not find any knights in shining armor, on charging steeds. But you may encounter Larry DeArmey, smartly dressed "a la mode francaise," driving the snout-nosed "tube," transporting teen-agers out to the chateau. Or you may get a glimpse of Dan Hammers, clad in work clothes, pipe-wrench in hand, installing bathroom fixtures, while Tim Kauffman, in similar apparel, hammers away at the construction of a partition nearby.

There are no court jesters or wandering minstrels to grace the scene. However, Daniel Detruc, an aimiable young French fellow, makes a good substitute as he buzzes in on his motorbike, guitar slung over his shoulder, all prepared to entertain the crowd with songs, a new game, or his latest supply of jokes.

The old building itself has undergone changes. The old stone section of the chateau that once housed a huge wine press still houses a press —but of quite a different nature. A printing press, dedicated to the publication of Christian literature, is now installed there.

The horses in the stable have been replaced by the family car and the many-horse-powered "tube," used for hauling children, building supplies, tent campaign equipment, and, as we tritely (but in this case, accurately) say, everything from soup to nuts.

Antique collectors and archaeologists may appreciate finding things in their original state, but since none of the present occupants fall into either of these categories, the leaking roofs, weather-beaten shutters, and outmoded, inadequate sanitary facilities were not especially appreciated. Thus a concerted effort has been made these past few months to change these things.

A new tile roof has been put on part of the building. All the gates, doors, windows, and shutters boast a fresh coat of maroon paint. Most recently, the single, large bathroom, with its one bowl and tub, has been partitioned off into three smaller sections and painted a warm peach. It now sports two new stall-type showers and four new wash bowls, plus the original bowl and tub. This partitioning permits access to bathroom facilities for both "knights" and "ladies"—a big advantage over past months, when the hours had to be staggered and certain times specified for each to use the bathroom.

According to the disciple Matthew, "A city set on a hill can not be hid." The city and its lights would automatically be clearly visible to all around. Thus we trust and pray that, with its similar location, the Chateau of St. Albain may be a present-day spiritual analogy of just such a city. ▼

Memo from *Foreign Missions Flashes From France:* "The Miesels are serving under Unevangelized Fields Mission but are a vital part of the Brethren work. John Miesel, a graduate of Grace Seminary and an experienced printer, came with his family to establish a Christian print shop at the Chateau. Having been barred from returning to the Congo, John came to France in July bringing with him an offset press, a camera, and other items necessary to begin his work."

Congratulations SMM on Your 53rd Birthday

Written for Every WMC Woman To Read and Consider

HOW WMC HELPS SMM

By Mrs. Ralph Hall

Many times a WMC member will ask, "What can I do to help the SMM?" SMM as the daughter missionary organization of the WMC is grateful for all the help they receive from the WMC.

The first thing you as a WMC member can do is to *pray* for SMM. In times like these prayer is the first requirement in helping our girls develop in their life to be a good testimony for their Lord. Pray daily for your local SMM groups.

There is a need in many churches for *patronesses,* leaders for the SMM groups. There are many age levels to work with: Little Sisters, grades one to three; Juniors, grades four to six; Middlers, grades seven to nine; Seniors, grades ten to twelve; and college or business age groups. If you've never been a patroness, maybe the Lord is directing you to serve Him in this capacity. Should you be concerned about the "know-how" of being a patroness, you may purchase a Patroness Book (25 cents) from the SMM National Literature Secretary, %Brethren Youth Council, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. This book gives complete instructions from "How To Start an SMM" to a listing of books helpful for the age group with whom you would be working.

Being a patroness is rewarding when one sees girls growing in their spiritual lives, and especially so when one sees them going to the mission field as missionaries. How we praise the Lord for the missionary education our SMM girls receive!

There are other ways the WMC's help in SMM. Many local WMC's help purchase the awards when the girls complete their goals. The Junior SMM and Little Sisters have pennants upon which they place felt awards. The Middler and Senior SMM's work for charms to place upon their award bracelets.

Many of the WMC's ask the SMM to help plan a mother-daughter banquet; they open their homes for SMM meetings, help with refreshments, even at times have slumber parties, provide transportation to meetings, and do many other things.

We hope this helps you and your WMC with your questions about how WMC helps SMM. We thank the Lord for the effective work of both WMC and SMM. ▼

From WMC

MAIL GLEANINGS



ALLEGHENY DISTRICT WMC president, Mrs. Donald Cale, submitted this picture of the seven enthusiastic and interested ladies of the newly-organized WMC of the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church. Over and above their local projects and their help on district projects they sent a $10 gift to the Navajo mission and $20 for literature for Africa. Please pray for this work at Mill Run.

MIDWEST DISTRICT. The district *News Nuggets* reports: "It is with interest and praise that we note our past district projects from 1954 to 1965: 1954—Africa, typewriter for Mary Cripe ($93.75); 1955—Camp, five $10 scholarships using memorization program, and France, $100 for pastors; 1956—Brazil, teacher's salary ($75), and Navajo (everything given above $75); 1957—Africa, dormitory blankets for missionary children; 1958—Argentina, Calvert course for Schrock twins; 1959—desk for national Sunday-school director ($150); 1960—Africa, kitchen equipment for Robert Williams; 1961—Navajo, washing machine; 1962—Arvada, Colorado, pulpit, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, 40 chairs; 1963—Taos, New Mexico, sink for new youth building; 1964—Navajo, $100 to support a student, $50 for literature; 1965—Arvada, communion supplies and Sunday-school material ($150)."

Berneita Snodgrass, Secretary

SIMI, CALIFORNIA. The WMC of the Community Brethren Church has been busy this year with many projects, such as silverware and dishes for the new kitchen. Many missionary projects were completed last year under the direction of Mrs. Wesley Williams. Mrs. Ted Malaimare is serving as this year's president. In a recent meeting Mrs. Elmer Fricke, former missionary to India, presented a message on Pakistan with slides.



WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. Pictured above is the National WMC Executive Committee at their annual midyear meeting February 24 and 25. The group met in the conference room of the Missionary Herald. Left to right are: Mrs. Ralph Hall, SMM patroness; Mrs. Robert Ashman, financial secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Bess, editor; Mrs. Douglas Bray, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Hammers, president; Mrs. Williard Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Gerald Kelley, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton, literature secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Tyson, prayer chairman. Mrs. William Schaffer, second vice-president, was not able to be present.



By Mrs. Lloyd Fish

NOT FOR US ALONE

Some time ago, while our family was visiting in Akron, Ohio, we were invited by our gracious hosts to tour with them Stan Hywet—a magnificent Tudor manor built by the rubber pioneer F. A. Seiberling in 1915 at a cost of fifteen million dollars. The immense mansion of Elizabethan Tudor architecture consists of 65 rooms, with magnificent 17th century furnishings, paintings, carvings and tapestries. Perhaps nowhere else in America is there such a fine example of Elizabethan England climaxed by the sunken and walled English garden and the impressive pathways shaded by tall white birches arching from either side. We were conducted through the Great Hall —just such a room as might have been used by English kings and "knights of old." We saw the hand-carved, paneled walls of the elaborate and gracious dining room. We were shown the spacious master bedroom, with its tremendous four-poster canopied bed. Our guide took us to the hundred-foot tiled indoor swimming pool. We were told that in its heyday a whole railroad carful of coal a day was used in heating this vast building. The "China Room" was filled with treasures from the Orient. Of particular interest to me was the stately music hall with its three-manual pipe organ, and an ancient harpsichord which had actually been played by Handel and Haydn and other distinguished artists.

But in the midst of all this magnificence the thing that grasped our attention was the Latin motto, carved in stone above the porticos of the impressive entrance: *"Non nobis solum"* —"Not for us alone." It became quite evident from our tour of this spacious mansion and grounds that Mr. Seiberling planned and built this place to be shared, for he had entertained in his lifetime a multitude of house guests from paupers to presidents.

The Seiberling heirs heeded their family motto by turning over the fifteen-million-dollar estate — lock, stock and carriage house—to a community foundation, which operates it now as a museum and as a civic, cultural and educational center for the Akron area.

"Not for us alone"—how frequently since our visit to Stan Hywet have I been reminded of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is "not for us alone." In I John 2:2 we read that "he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Paul further reminds us in II Corinthians 5:14 that "one died for all"; and John 4:42 tells of the "Saviour of the world." He is the Saviour "specially of those that believe," but He is also, in a very true sense, the Saviour of all humanity. Humanity has not all been saved, but it is not for lack of a Saviour. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Our precious Saviour "tasted death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). It is true that the world has not received Him; nor will it recognize Him. But redemption was wrought even for His enemies. "Those that believe" are *saved,* while those who reject are *lost.* Even those who are lost have a Saviour. The whole world would be saved if

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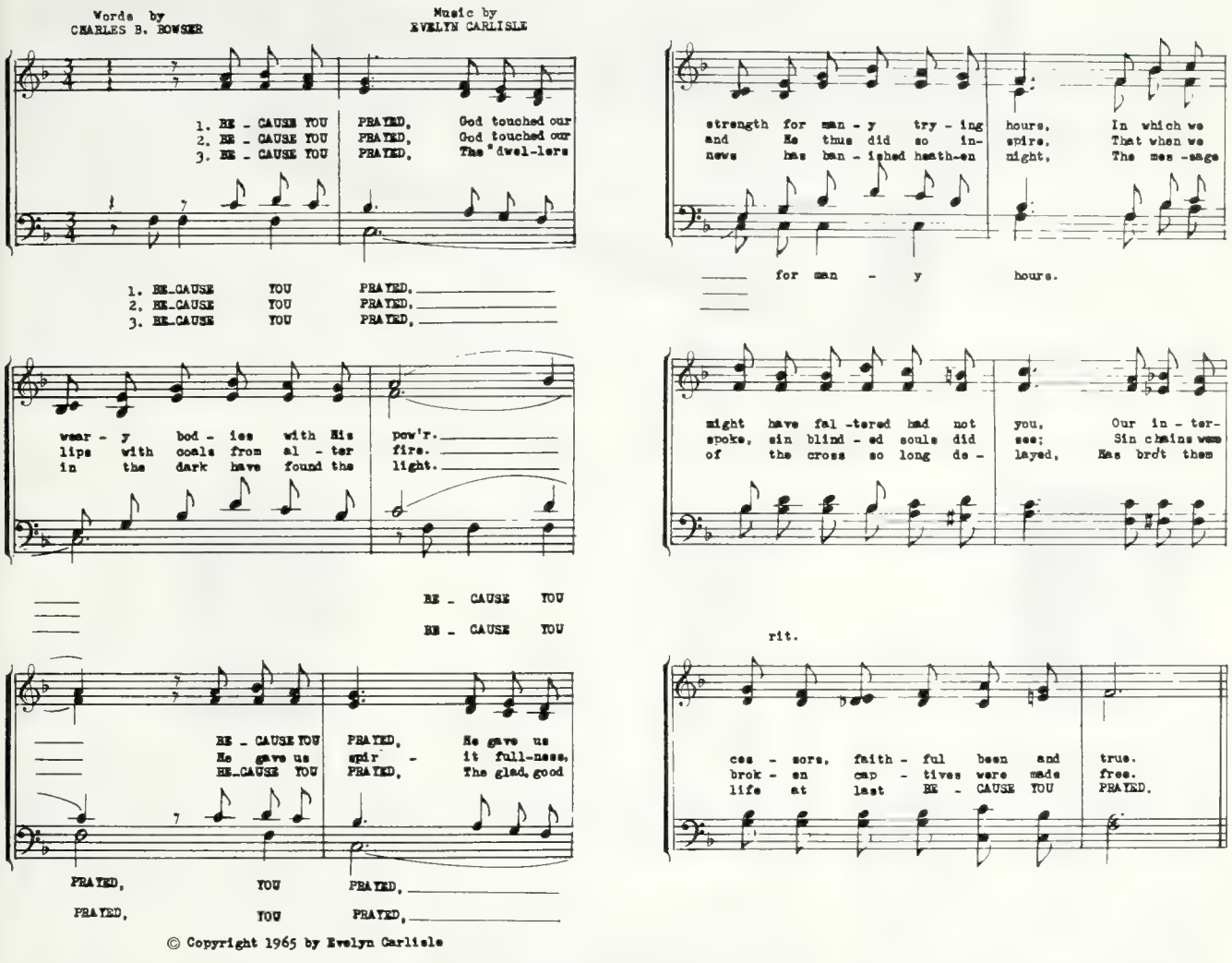
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A Long Way . . .

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and we soon became aware that He was leading us to college and seminary. After Edmund secured his B.A. in Ohio, we were very definitely led to Grace Seminary—we have no doubt about this. We were also looking for a new church home. However, we hadn't the slightest intention of coming into The Brethren Church. After a year at the seminary and fellowship with the Brethren, however, we both felt drawn to them. We liked what we saw. We were pleased with the Bible-teaching emphasis. So we joined the group.

Months later we learned something of the Brethren missionary outreach. Also, we learned that they wanted to expand their work in Hawaii and were wanting another missionary couple. We had spent a day in Hawaii years before as we returned from New Zealand, so knew that Hawaii had many Oriental peoples. This thrilled our hearts and we began praying about it. One day Dr. Barnard, knowing absolutely nothing of what was going on in our hearts, asked Edmund to come and see him. He did—and we found that Dr. Barnard, too, had been thinking about us in terms of Hawaii! God was speaking to each of us independently.

So, in the autumn of 1959 we had the joy of following Him to Hawaii as your missionaries. Here we have been very happy, and have had the joy of touching lives for Him and carrying on a Bible-teaching ministry. How good is the Lord we adore! Pray for us. You can do nothing more far-reaching than to pray for us and the Lord's work and His people here. Pray especially that God will give us a church home. Aloha! ▼

(Postscript: Although the Lord took unto himself the Leech's first child, He later gave them another, Jonathan, who is presently a student in the University of Hawaii.—MW)

Searching the Scriptures

Thanks From Some M.K.'s



Leandra Edmiston

Biola College

I would like to thank every one of you for your help in making possible the funds for the higher education for missionary children. The Lord has provided for my college expenses in so many wonderful ways this past year, and I do thank Him and you for the help you have given. May our Father richly repay you with His blessings.



Beckie Fogle

Grace College

Just a little note to say how thankful your gift for my college education has been. Being at Grace these two semesters has been a great experience. College, of course, is quite different from high school, but it seems even more strange when you come straight from a French high school. I do want to thank you for helping in this manner.



Norman Schrock

Moody Bible Institute

I would like to thank the SMM girls and their leaders for the money I received for my education. I am sure that I am not the only M.K. who is thankful for this gift.

APRIL IS SMM's BIRTHDAY MONTH

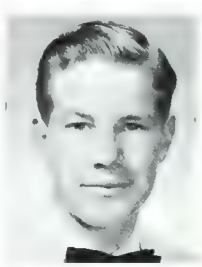
Remember Your Birthday Offering for Foreign Missions



Rita Hoyt

Grace College

I will be graduating this June, and since this is my last semester I've thought several times of thanking you SMM sisters for helping me through college. I appreciate the opportunity afforded me now to say sincerely, *Thank you!*



Lynn A. Hoyt

Grace College

I want to thank all of you SMM girls who are helping us M.K.'s get through college. The Lord has been wonderful to me in this my first year of college. He continues to bring so many blessings to my life, that I have to say with Daniel, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for he alone has all wisdom, and all power" (Dan. 2:20).

Reporting!

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Our Middler SMM got together February 12 and made cookies to take out to the older folks of our church. We decorated the boxes with red crepe paper. The older people think that they aren't appreciated, but they really are. We thought that this token of cookies might really make them feel good. We hope we can try it again next year.

The Senior SMM has ben holding monthly meetings. We have either a potluck dinner in the church fellowship hall or a meeting in the home of one of the girls. At Christmas we made cookies and candy which we gave to shut-ins while caroling. For our April meeting each girl will report on some facet of church doctrine in order to complete a goal.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Fort Wayne Grace SMM girls are really enjoying and anticipating the meetings of this year. In our January meeting we made Wordless Books for the children in Brazil. Our local project this year is the Juliens in France. We hope to have a swim party sometime soon, which ought to be quite interesting.

MEYERSDALE, PA. The Junior SMM girls of the Summit Mills church try to have a new project each month. One month we made baby blankets for the Navajos. As another project we painted the chairs in the nursery Sunday-school class.

LEON, IOWA. We had most of our activity in December. We made felt book markers in the shape of mittens for those in the hospital. These all held gospel tracts. We also had, with great success, a party for our Junior Sunday school. We are now in the process of planning an evening worship service.

The combined Little Sisters and Juniors are learning to embroider. They are embroidering animals on blocks of material and are going to make a baby quilt for one of our mission points. In December they sang at the county home and gave out favors which included a gospel tract.

Not for Us Alone

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salvation were merely forgiveness, or even justification. But salvation is life, and the world is lost because it will not come to Him who offers life.

When the Son of God died on Calvary's cross, He was the propitiation for "the sins of the whole world." The unevangelized heathen were included in the atonement wrought by Christ. So we are commanded and commissioned to preach the gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. Frequently we hear the question asked, "What about the heathen who have never heard?" But what condemnation falls on believers in our generation who know Him and know that He is "not for us alone" and yet are slow to witness by prayer, interest, or gift to those in the regions beyond? All men in every land and through successive generations are invited to come to God through His all-sufficient atonement.

Many years ago Dr. A. C. Dixon was staying in a summer hotel on the shores of Lake Erie. It was very enjoyable for him, for all that he had to do was to eat and drink and sleep and take little pleasure trips in a boat on the lake. "Opposite the hotel," said Dr. Dixon, "was a lifesaving station where somebody was always on the lookout for trouble, and constantly listening for distress calls. At that lifesaving station they also ate and drank, but their business in life was not eating and drinking. They also slept, but that was not their business. When they could, they went for a row on the lake, but that was not their business. Their business was the saving of lives in peril."

"Not for us alone"—but for the whole world. As Christians we must be constantly aware that one of the main reasons the Lord leaves us here is that we, too, may be "lifesaving stations."

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste, then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the Life-line and save them today."

E. S. Ufford

"Non nobis solum"—"Not for us alone." ▼



"I'm sorry, but too many showed up for 'work day' . . . we can only use half of you!"

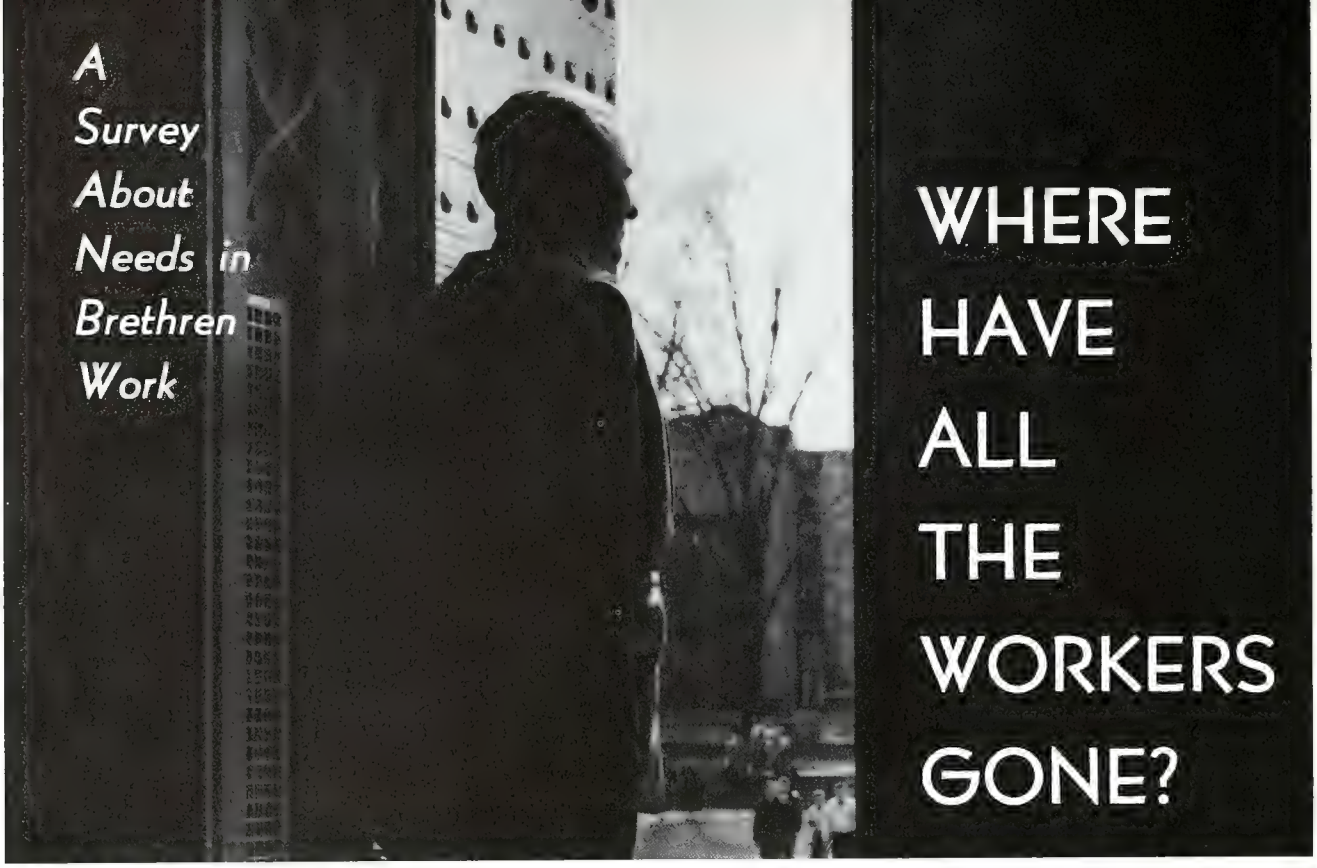
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A Survey About Needs in Brethren Work

WHERE HAVE ALL THE WORKERS GONE?

Last year four.

Next year more. But not many.

Are there enough Brethren men and women graduating from Grace Seminary and entering full-time Christian ministries in The Brethren Church? Not that everyone who picks Christian work must go to seminary—but it is an indication.

Where have all the Christian workers gone? Or are there enough, since God provides for the needs of His work?

There are some churches without pastors. And plenty of missions openings without applicants. Plus opportunities in Christian education and various outreaches of the church. Many say every Christian should consider such work. Are they right?

Are parents and pastors and churches doing all they should to influence youth to consider Christian ministries? Are they helping those who dedicate their lives for service?

Or is it none of their business?

Are teens considering those ministries? In specific, tangible ways?

To find out, we asked the people who know: the pastors and teens themselves.

When asked, *Do you attempt to influence young people to enter the ministry (meaning pastorate, Christian teaching, missions)?* every pastor except one said *Yes* to this question.

They said they do it by just plain talking, (26%), telling of needs (17%), preaching (13%), telling of blessings (13%), and other ways (31%).

The teens did not think the influence so prevalent: *Do you find that older people (parents, pastors) try to influence you to enter a full-time ministry?*

Yes	51%
No	47%
Sometimes	2%

Obviously the answers of the pastors and the teens don't jive. Assuming that both told the truth, we can only conclude that either the ministers' attempts were too feeble to be recognized or some of the teens overlooked the obvious.

One teen-ager said that when someone tries to influence you, you know it: "You have someone come to you and say you ought to."

But is it the pastor's job to try to get his BYF'ers into full-time Christian work? Pastors were asked: *Who is responsible to influence boys and girls to consider the ministry?*

Holy Spirit	16%
Pastor	12%
Family	12%
Church	12%
All of these	48%

"Each has a unique way of assisting the others," said one pastor.

No doubt all would agree with the one who wrote, "All have influence but the Holy Spirit must have the final"; or the one who said the Holy Spirit uses all these human means.

So to say the Holy Spirit is the main influence is not to rule out all human effort to guide and educate.

Pastors agreed with that when it came down to their own children, for 95 per cent said they would encourage them to consider full-time service. Only one man said he would discourage his own children.

If more should be considering and entering the work of the church, one or more of the following must be wrong:

1. The pastor has failed.
2. The church as an organization has failed.
3. The family has failed.
4. The teen-agers have failed to respond to the efforts of these three or to the Holy Spirit, who certainly is doing all He should do.

The Pastor and the Church

Most people seem to believe number one or two is right. In a widely read article for *Moody Monthly,*

Harold Cook told how "for a time mission leaders were inclined to blame themselves for this situation" of not enough volunteers, "feeling their recruiting methods had been wrong." But even with a change in those methods, no one was jumping up and down to get to the mission field.

Cook, of Moody Bible Institute, spoke of criticism against schools, then said in defense that "most of those who graduate from our missionary courses come here with the mission field already in mind."

"To discover the missing link in missionary recruitment, then, we must go back one step further and take a close look at the local church and its program." He blames the church, calling it the missing link.

The suggestions he gives for rectifying the problem: (1) The church must inspire its young people to have an active concern for the unsaved. (2) The church must get its teens involved in local Christian service—gospel teams, visitation, witnessing. (3) The church must give vocational counsel to its youth.

No one would object to those three ideas, and certainly every Brethren church should take a good look in a mirror to see its weak points.

Especially since 90 per cent of the Brethren teens interviewed said they had already dedicated their lives to full-time service. (These were the teens at national camp in August, which may mean they were at least the type interested in church activities.) When asked what type of work they were considering, they listed:

Missions	35%
Christian teaching	23%
Uncertain	14%
Ministry	8%
Nursing	7%
Youth work	6%
Others	7%

So if they exercise stick-to-it-iveness, the teens will provide a brighter future.

Of those who made such a dedication, 70 per cent said it was at church, 20 per cent at home, and 10 per cent at camp.

The important thing is, what happens to these after such a decision?

Pastors were asked, *Do you have any specific follow-up program for those who dedicate their lives to full-time service?*

Yes	58%
No	42%

If yes, what is it?

Use them in church	28%
Encourage	28%
Give literature	17%
Private counseling	7%
Bible study	7%
Others	13%

Two of the churches have "full-timers" clubs, but no others have an actual organization or guidebook for those who give their lives to a ministry.

On their own, teens are trying something. Those who have decided to go into an area of Christian service were asked, *Are you doing anything definite to look into the possibilities?*

Yes	76%
No	24%

Most did not say what they're doing. Those who did said they are praying and planning higher education.

One thing the church and teenager can do, in addition to Cook's suggestion, is utilize the Brethren Student Life Volunteer program, sponsored by the National Youth Council and "designed to help the student by prayer and correspondence," as the director put it.

That director, Dan Grabill, said of the BSLV program: "I am excited about this because it will help the volunteers see that God is interested in their continuing on for Him.

"It will present the needs of the world to them that they can pray, seeking God's will intelligently. It will allow us to have the privilege of communicating with those who want to grow in Christ."

Grabill summed up the program: "Seeking, informing, encouraging, and praying for Brethren youth."

By Knute Larson

Senior, Grace Seminary

BRETHREN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS

(The following is a condensed introduction to this program by the national youth director. The BSLV idea is discussed in the article.)

Teen-ager, you are a student and have a life to invest. Life is a very precious and useful thing if invested in the right way. The Lord desires to possess all that you are and have.

A life spent doing the will of God has no regrets. Every serious-minded youth wants to be identified with a group that has challenging goals. Think for a few minutes about these four things that BSLV stands for:

CONVERSION

Do you personally know that Jesus Christ is your own Saviour and Lord? To belong to the BSLV you must be assured of your relationship with the Son of God. Service that emanates from rest in Christ is the most fruitful.

CONSECRATION

There is a longing desire within the heart of every Christian to be reserved strictly for the Lord. In order for this to be true, the things, persons, etc., of this world must be repudiated in search for the approval of the Master.

COMMITMENT

When any individual really comprehends the love of Christ and His desire to communicate this love to our world, he cries out with a real sense of urgency, "Lord, I'm available; use me!" *Commitment*—not to a program but to a person, Jesus Christ.

CONTINUANCE

Dropouts are becoming more of a problem today in both spiritual and secular programs. Set goals for your life but then ask God to guide you in accomplishing them for His glory. Finish the course that God has set before you.

Did these four things sum up your goals in life? Is knowing Jesus Christ and His will your greatest desire?

BSLV stands for a *B*rethren *S*tudent *L*ife *V*olunteer. What do you stand for? The same thing? If so, we would like to have the privilege of writing to you each quarter, including in the material a special piece of literature to help you keep your goals before your eyes throughout your student years. The BSLV program is designed to help the student by prayer and correspondence.

The inset describes this program. Now 67 are enrolled. A special push was started during Youth Week.

The Brethren Church might also investigate sending more students abroad or to churches to serve as interns, as Dan Hammers and Larry DeArmey are now doing in France. Not many come back from a summer at Taos or Cuba, New Mexico, without a vigorous interest in full-time work.

Certainly Paul's interest in Tim-

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CHURCH NEWS

YORK, PA. On Jan. 28 and 29, 31 young people of the Grace Brethren Church of York attended a district youth rally at the Brethren church in Lancaster, Pa., where they participated in musical and speaking competition. During Youth Week, Feb. 6 to 12, each day was given a different theme; special features were a Sunday evening service with the young people in charge, a covered dish supper, and a night of fun and fellowship. A total of 142 youths participated in the week's activities.

A stewardship conference with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman was held here Feb. 13 through 16. A missionary conference was held Feb. 27 to March 2 in which seven Brethren missionaries took part. Kenneth Wilt, pastor.

LOUISVILLE, KY. Attention all Brethren or interested Christians in the Louisville area: It is the desire of one of our Brethren pastors to begin a Bible class in Louisville. If you would be interested in such a project, please contact Rev. Glenn R. Coats, R. R. 1, Henryville, Ind. 47126.

OSCEOLA, IND. Rev. Scott Weaver reports that on Evangelism Sunday, Feb. 27, over 200 decisions were recorded at Bethel Brethren Church in response to the invitation for revival in The Brethren Church to begin in their hearts.

DES MOINES, IOWA. The Des Moines Brethren young people observed Youth Week with a number of activities, including a Valentine banquet at which Rev. Jim Custer, of Dallas Center, Iowa, was speaker. A good number participated in the city-wide showing of the film "The Restless Ones" Feb. 5, and the following Sunday evening the young people were in charge of the church service, which was followed by the missionary film "The Harvester." Several decisions for Christ were made during the weekend. Rev. Richard Sellers, pastor of the church, held a series of meetings at the Grandview, Wash., Brethren church Feb. 27 through March 6, and Rev. Herman Hein, of the Kokomo, Ind., Brethren church, held evangelistic meetings here March 13 to 20.

ST. ALBAIN, FRANCE. Larry DeArmey, who along with Dan Hammers is taking a year out from his seminary studies to help in the work at the Chateau of St. Albain, suffered a broken ankle in a skiing accident in early March. Pray for his speedy recovery.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. George Christie, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, was ordained to the Christian ministry Monday evening, Feb. 28. Rev. Richard Sellers, of Des Moines, Iowa, brought the ordination message. Other Brethren ministers taking part in the service were: Rev. Henry Rempel, Yakima, Wash.; Rev. Howard Snively, Harrah, Wash.; Rev. John Mayes, Sunnyside, Wash.; Rev. Phillip Simmons and Rev. Ed. Johnson, Kent, Wash.; Rev. Nelson Hall, Richland, Wash.; Rev. William Schaffer, Portland, Oreg.; and Rev. Clarence Green, Bothell, Wash. The welcome was extended by the vice-moderator of the church, Louis Artz. A time of fellowship in the form of a coffee hour followed in the lower auditorium.



CANTON, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held a series of stewardship and leadership meetings in the Canton Brethren Church in February. On March 1, 2, and 3 the church was host to a home-mission workshop held under the direction of Rev. Lester Pifer; speakers were Rev. Bill Smith and Rev. Mervin Fishback. During the November missionary conference a young couple accepted the call to go into full-time missionary service; they are now enrolled in Grace College. John Dilling, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. Rev. Mervin Fishback was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church of Kokomo on Sunday, Feb. 27. Herman Hein, Jr., pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Randall Poyner, 913 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing, Mich 48917. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilt, 2296 Church Rd., York, Pa. 17404 (Tel. 764-5363).

GRANDVIEW, WASH. Rev. Richard Sellers held a series of special meetings in the Grandview Brethren church Feb. 27 to March 6. There were a total of 14 decisions, four of which were for baptism and church membership. George Christie, pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. The Grace Brethren Church was the recipient of a brand new piano to be used in the sanctuary. This was a gift of Mrs. Gladys Inebnit, a member of

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Findlay, Ohio	April 3-10	Daniel Eshleman	Donald Launstein
Johnson City, Tenn.	April 18-24	K. E. Richardson	G. Lingenfelter
Bellville, Ohio	May 1-8	Larry Gegner	Ron Thompson
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	May 9-15	Wayne Baker	Dean Fetterhoff
Dayton, Ohio	May 14-15	Richard Burch	John Whitcomb
Washington, Pa.	May 15-22	Shimer Darr	Richard Grant
Findlay, Ohio	May 22-29	Daniel Eshleman	Ron Thompson
Hagerstown, Md.	May 22-29	G. Lingenfelter	Dr. O. E. Phillips

the church. James Kennedy, pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Speaker for this year's Easter sunrise service in the Coliseum, sponsored by the evangelical ministerium of Cedar Rapids, is to be John Davis, professor at Grace College and Seminary. The ministers voted unanimously to invite him, according to Brethren pastor Wayne Baker, president of the group. The World Vision film "Viet Nam Profile" was presented at the Grace Brethren Church here March 20.

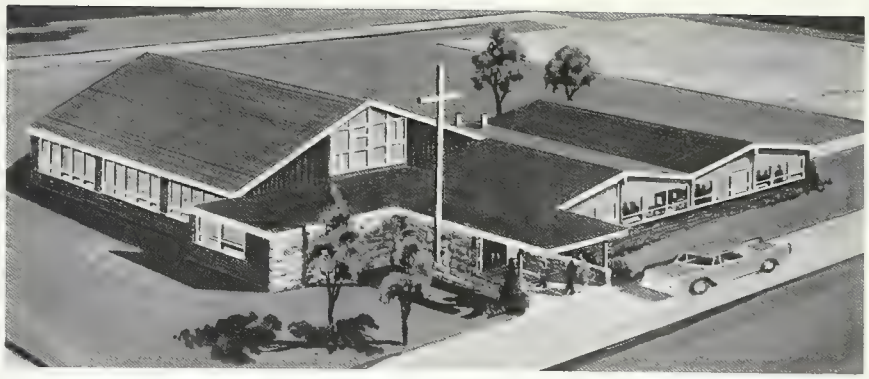
WAYNESBORO, PA. Bill Cruver, evangelist and musician, held a series of meetings at the First Brethren Church March 15 to 20. Robert Crees, pastor.

LA PUENTE, CALIF. Frank Dunigan, a student at Biola College, is the new pastor at La Puente Brethren Church. Attendance at the church averaged close to 100 in January, and in December they won the Sunday-school banner in their division. They are looking for a good location in downtown La Puente.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Seven pastoral calls recently took Rev. Ralph Colburn, of the Grace Brethren Church, most of three days and almost 1,000 miles . . . but he managed to see all seven of his young people who were in various colleges within the state.

ELKHART, IND. Twenty-four laymen took part in the services on Laymen's Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Nathan Meyer conducted a prophetic conference here March 13 to 20, and George Poole, from radio station HCJB, took part in the Wednesday evening service March 23. Six were baptized in February. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

KENT, WASH. Dan Grabill, national youth director, spoke in the young people's group and in the evening service of the Grace Brethren Church March 6. On Feb. 20 Rev. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, gave an illustrated presentation of the home-mission work, after which the church discussed building plans. Phillip Simmons, pastor.



DAYTON, OHIO. Pictured above is the proposed building of the Huber Heights Brethren Church. According to plans, the new building will seat 100 in the auditorium, with additional seating possible in an adjoining room. There are to be facilities for a fully departmentalized Sunday school. The architect is William Rump, of Springfield, Ohio.

Pastor of the church, C. S. Zimmerman, was the subject of a recent article in a local paper. According to the article, in the past two years Pastor Zimmerman "has knocked at the door of every home in Huber Heights proper . . . and now he plans to start all over again." In his own church survey, he found that between four and six hundred families belonged to no church whatever.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Rev. Richard Messner, director of development at Grace College and Seminary, held a week of special meetings at the Grace Brethren Church beginning March 28. Mr. Messner played professional baseball for three years with the New York Giants and served for several years as head coach at Grace College. James Dixon, Jr., pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Points of interest in the March missionary conference of the First Brethren Church were a laymen's breakfast, a Mexican dinner for the teen-agers, slides from France, Brazil, and Africa, and several excellent films. An informal time of prayer and fellowship with the missionaries was held each morning. The project chosen for the conference was $500 for a new church in Hawaii. Speakers were Dr. Russell Barnard, Fred Fogle, Edith Geske, Marian Thurston, John Zielasko, George Cone, Don Hocking, and Dave Hocking. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. The Rialto Brethren Church finished in 12th place among 125 churches that participated in a Sunday-school leadership training institute held the four Monday nights of February; they were awarded a prize by the American Bible Society. Gerald Polman, pastor.

PALMYRA, PA. Speaker at the Grace Brethren Church March 6 was Rev. Jerry Young, who has begun a Bible class in Indianapolis, Ind., in hopes of developing it into a Brethren church. A missionary conference was held in the Palmyra church Feb. 27 to March 2. Russell Weber, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. Rev. Luther Cook, home visitation missionary, spoke in the morning service at the Brethren church here March 13. Gene Witzky, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Five missionaries from Africa, one from Puerto Rico, and one from Brazil took part in the missionary conference at the Third Brethren Church March 6 to 9. Robert Kern has accepted a call to serve as pastor for his seventh year.

LANSING, MICH. On March 13 the Grace Brethren Church held a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Kopp; Mr. Kopp, a senior in Grace Seminary, was acting pastor of the church for five months while they were without a full-time pastor. Randall Poyner, pastor.

ARVADA, COLO. Two new record attendances are reported by the Grace Brethren Church for Feb. 20 with 48 in Sunday school and 50 in the morning worship service. Dan Grabill, national youth director, was

speaker in the midweek service Feb. 23. Bill McKillen, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. A father-son banquet was held Feb. 12 at the Grace Brethren Church; speaker for the night was a representative from the headquarters of Boys Brigade, Dick Kelley, who also spoke in the Sunday evening service the next day. John Aeby, pastor.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Richard D. McCarthy, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry in a service held



here March 6. Rev. William Steffler, pastor of the Suburban Brethren Church of Hatboro, Pa., was the speaker. Also participating were Rev. Robert Griffith, Rev. Robert Kern, Rev. Russell Weber, Rev. Donald Goodhart, and Rev. Roy Dice, all of the Northern Atlantic District. During the time of refreshments that followed the service, Pastor and Mrs. McCarthy were surprised by the church with a large decorated cake in honor of the ordination and their 12th wedding anniversary, which was the same day.

PORTLAND, OREG. Rev. and Mrs. William Schaffer have made arrangements to buy a house next door to the church at Portland; their address is 6935 N.E. 23rd Ave., Portland, Oreg. 97211 (Tel. 503-288-2436). In February Pastor Schaffer suffered a badly sprained left shoulder and some rather severe bruises in a fall, but X-rays showed no broken bones.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. By invitation of Chaplain Lee Jenkins, the March meeting of the district ministerium was held aboard the U.S.S. Wright, the Navy ship to which he is assigned.

DENVER, COLO. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Young, of the Grace Brethren Church, lost a daughter and a granddaughter in an airliner crash on Mt. Fuji in Japan March 5; Mr. Young teaches an adult Sunday-school class at the church. Pastor Thomas Inman conducted the funeral service.

ROANOKE, VA. On March 29 the Washington Heights Brethren Church cooperated in a district pastors' exchange Sunday; speaker here was Henry Radford, of the Garden City church in Roanoke. Wendell Kent, pastor.

ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIF. The Hillside Brethren Church of Rowland Heights held its first meeting Jan. 16 at the new location on Fullerton Road. The little group, under the leadership of Rev. Robert McCormick, has purchased a usable house on nearly three acres of land.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

PEARCE, Alan S., 69, died Saturday, Feb. 19, after a long illness. For 17 years Rev. Pearce was associate pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.; for many years he was also a member of the Biola Bible College staff. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Pearl Pearce. A beautiful painting of Rev. Pearce will hang in a prominent place in the new building of the Long Beach First church now under construction.

Charles Mayes, pastor.

MAGLOTT, Mrs. Doris, a faithful charter member of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, died Dec. 22.

M. L. Myers, pastor.

KEYS, Mrs. Mary Ellen, 87, passed away in February after a long illness; services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, with Dr. Charles Mayes in charge. Mrs. Keys had been a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1934. Charles Mayes, pastor.

SLARB, Robert, a member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio, passed away March 1. Robert Holmes, pastor.

COVERDALE, Mrs. Edna, 91, passed away Friday, Feb. 25; for the past 55 years she had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Richard DeArmey, pastor.

GILBERT, Frank, 72, a faithful friend of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., died Sunday, March 6. A great believer in prayer and a consistent witness for his Lord, he will be greatly missed.

Wendell Kent, pastor.

WECHTENHISER, Charles W., 76, a faithful member of the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa., died Jan. 7. He had a perfect attendance in the Sunday school for 16 years.

Max DeArmey, pastor.

YODER, Mrs. Abraham (Nellie), a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa., for many years, died the last of February. Roy Kreimes, pastor.

URBAN, Henry, Sr., 73, passed away March 4. Through the years he was a faithful member of the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa., where his wife, four sons, and 12 grandchildren are still members.

Max DeArmey, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sandra Lee Sell and Charles Justin Yager, Dec. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind.

Mrs. Louanna Dickerson and John R. Licklider, Feb. 24, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Marilyn Gripp and Frank Sutherlin, March 11, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Florence May Clark and Louis Maedel, March 12, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Judy Needham and Garry Kellison, March 12, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Beverly Campbell and Carroll Hughes, March 18, Grace Brethren Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

Cherie Anne Scovel and Michael Dean Sharpe, March 19, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Where Have . . .

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othy joins common sense to tell the pastor and church to do all they can on a one-to-one basis of disciple-making and guiding.

The Home

But that only covers reasons one and two for the lack of workers. Most who deal with the problem stop there. Cook was satisfied to ask, "Where will they get the challenge of a Christian vocation if not in church?"

At home, is the answer we should be satisfied to give. We should go back a step further than the church.

Certainly Mother and Father and the home have a better chance to influence John and Jane than do the pastor and the church, who see them only two or three hours a week.

Thinking this, we asked pastors, *Do you think most parents are unwilling to present their children to the Lord and encourage them to consider missions?*

Yes	56%
No	44%

What did the children themselves say about the parents? Twenty-three per cent said parents are unwilling; 71 per cent felt they are willing; the rest did not know.

At least in some cases, according to the surveys, parents haven't communicated their willingness to the minister, either by word or deed.

The home needs to do more, not farming out its responsibility to the church.

Maybe parents could do more by helping their children learn at least as much about the work of Jake Kliever as they know about Willie Mays, or by seeing that it is as valuable to serve the Lord as a Christian schoolteacher as it is to get a Joe Namath bonus.

Kids will keep their heroes in the sports world of course; but they might be led to have a few in Christian work also. One minister said that it doesn't help the image of his calling if children only hear their parents say nasties about him—roast preacher for Sunday dinner, or something like that.

Families looked at for this article have shown that they can also do a lot by having an obvious interest in the work of the ministries, by leading their own families in projects of service for God and others, and by suggesting ways their children could be used by the Lord. Never forcing, of course.

While the church has no right to blame the lack of workers or of dedication on the home, neither does the home have the right to do vice versa.

The Kids Themselves

But let's go one step further.

Everyone is quick to give reason one: the pastor has failed. Cook's good article and many others have chosen reason two, the church.

We just took a moment to say reason three is the one sometimes. Come on, parents.

But let's not forget reason four, the teen-agers themselves.

Certainly in some cases the pastor, church, parents, and Holy Spirit have done what they could.

But their leading has been drowned out by the calls of the luxurious teen world. Yeah, yeah, yeah, it's true.

In our day of blaming everything on the environment—"But judge, you don't realize this man's background" —we must not forget that the teen-ager himself makes the final choice.

Back to the survey: 93 per cent of the guys and girls said they think "every teen-ager should consider full-time service."

And, remember, 90 per cent said they had already given themselves to such work.

Let's hope their faggots don't fizzle. Would a similar survey taken ten years ago have produced such a wonderful result, one that would dwindle as the lure of other jobs got bigger?

No one knows for sure. We do know what the teens think are those other lures and reasons: *What reason would you give to explain why so few are entering the ministry, missions, and so forth?*

More attractive jobs	30%
Lack of dedication	30%
Failure to see need	13%
Money	11%
Parental or school influence	10%
Lack of respect for the work	4%
Others	2%

One teen said, "A dedicated Christian overcomes all these other reasons." Another, "We hear how some preachers and missionaries live a hard life and don't want to."

For comparison, the ministers were asked the same question about reasons. They answered:

Lack of dedication	27%
Parental or school influence	22%
Money	19%
Lack of respect for the work	17%
Failure to see the need	15%

So the teen-agers agree with their pastors in the matter of lack of dedication. Round the clock influencing by pastors on Sunday and parents the other days would not be enough to fill that vacuum.

When teens were asked, *What do you feel will be the greatest obstacle you will have to overcome in achieving God's will for your life?* there were a lot of detriments listed, but one stood out: "my self" or "my desires"—46 per cent.

Maybe if pastors and parents are faithful examples of living above selfish desires, wanting God's will above all; and teens seek strength from their indwelling Christ as they discern His desires, more empty places of service will be filled in the future, in the laity and the full-time areas.

The surveys weren't meant to imply that only people in full-time service are in God's will. Every Christian businessman or factory worker whose world is his parish would have a right to argue with that.

The point is that, because of the needs, more should consider and enter full-time Christian work.

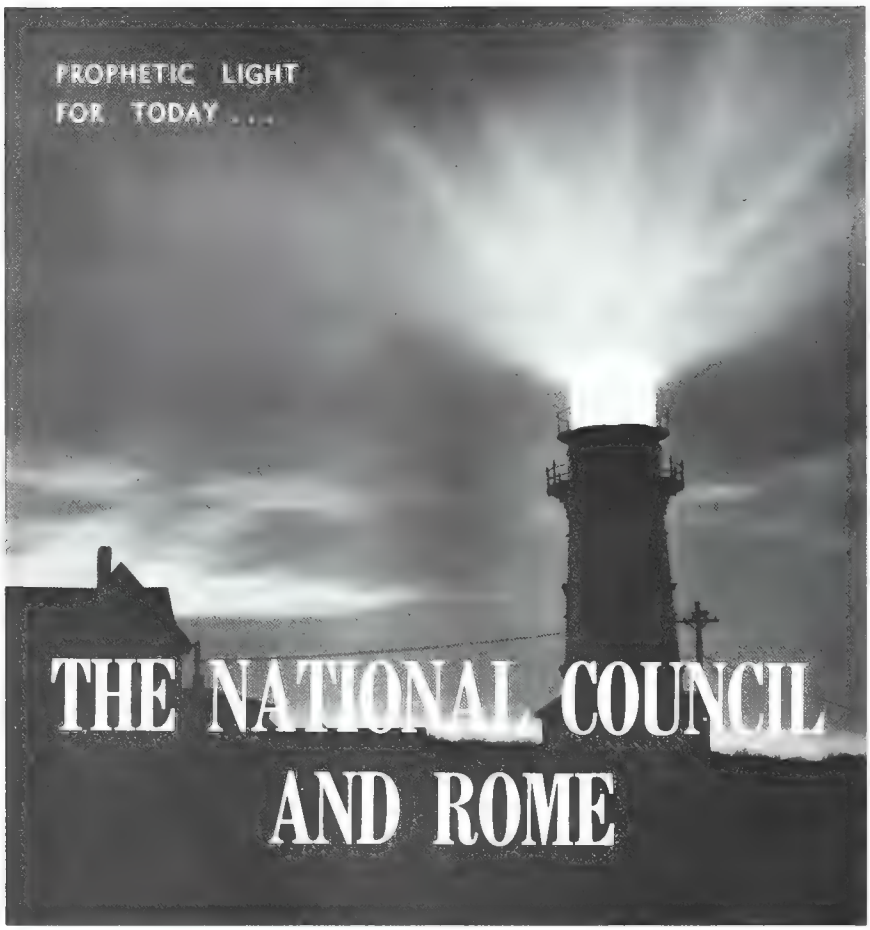
And the point is also that those who have felt led to enter Christian work should be true to their decision so we won't always be singing, "Where have all the young men gone?" So that it won't be such a long time passing between workers.

Draw conclusions as you study the statistics in the light of your own situation. Make changes where necessary. Perhaps we'll know then where more workers have gone—into the church's service.

Last year four.

Next year more. But not many.

And in the years to come ▼



"What has happened to our nation . . . while believers have slept?"



BY DR. CHARLES W. MAYES

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Long Beach, California

A recent news report from Baltimore stated, "Top officials of the Catholic Church and the National Council of Churches ended a one-day meeting here with the announcement that they would work together to promote 'grassroots' ecumenism among all American Christians."

It is said that this is the very first meeting officially held between the National Council and the Catholic Bishops' Commission. More meetings are expected to be held to consider "matters which affect the Christian community and especially unity."

The Church of the Brethren

Rev. Norman J. Baugher, general secretary of the Church of the Brethren and vice-president of the National Council of Churches, presided at the meeting with Bishop Carberry. The bishop, from Columbus, Ohio, is the chairman of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Commission.

Dr. Baugher's Opinion

Asked if the "direct ecumenical activities received only lukewarm support" from the churches which he represented, Dr. Baugher is reported to have replied: "I don't believe I know of any members of the National Council of Churches who would be lukewarm to this kind of conversation."

We hope Dr. Baugher has overestimated the interest of the National Council of Churches in a one-world church. It seems there would be millions of people in the N.C.C. congregations who do have convictions and are willing to place these convictions above the general drift into ecumenism.

The Immediate Issue

Nationwide it is known that the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania has encouraged the Federal Communications Commission to bring pressures against the American Council of Christian Churches (a fundamentalist group) to prevent religious liberty. The legislature has also come to the defense of the liberal National Council of Churches. We believe our readers will feel that the state legislature is completely out of place in this discrimination against religious groups. The rights of Communists and fellow-travelers are protected when they infiltrate our great organizations (even the N.C.C.), but the rights of godly men who desire to protect our constitution and the heritage of the Christian faith are opposed, maligned and "investigated."

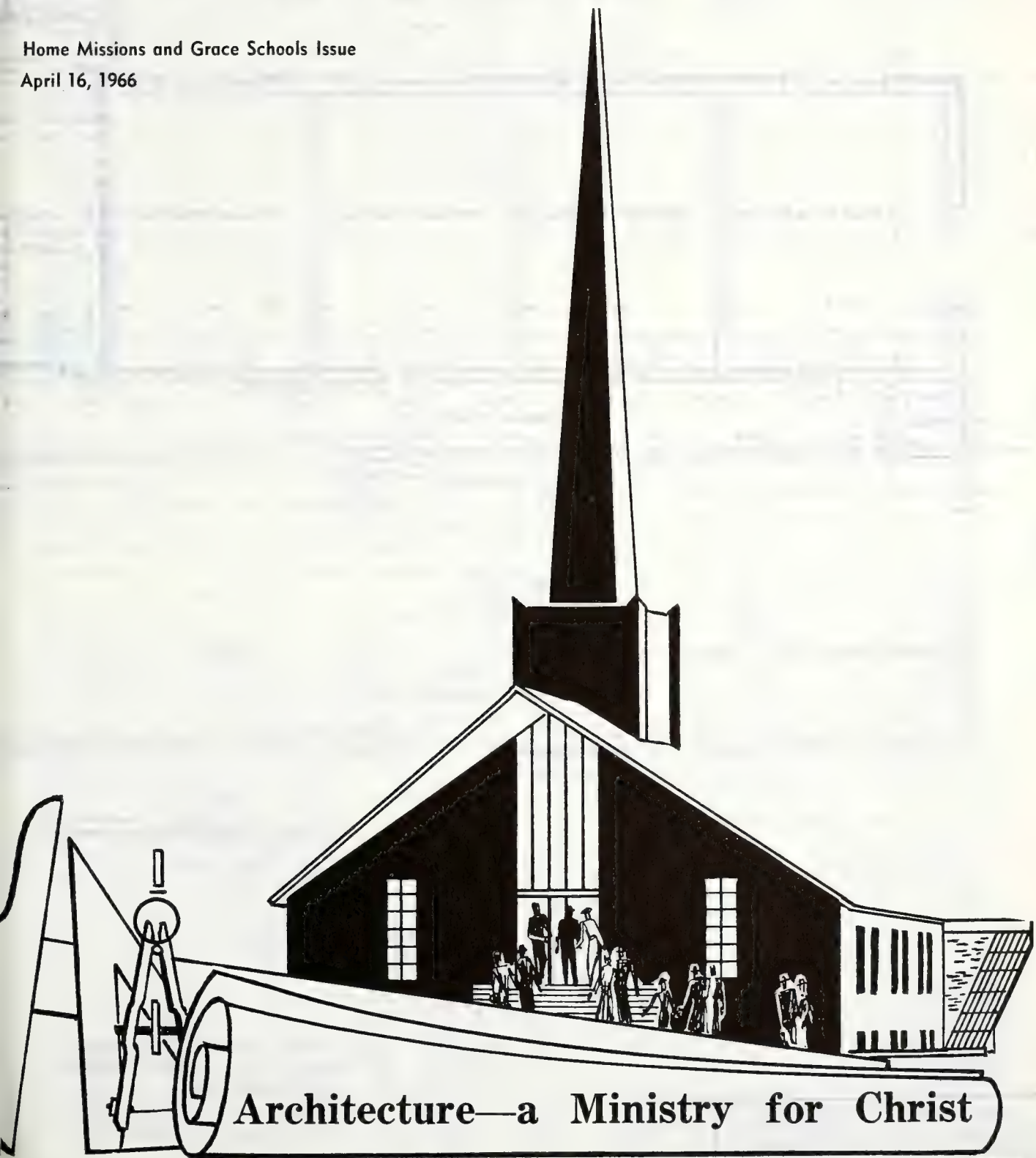
Everyone seems to know that Dr. Carl McIntire is the personality singled out as a trial case. If his voice can be silenced on the air, every radio station in America where the gospel is going forth soon will be under attack. Once the satanic steamroller of anti-Christ opposition to the gospel is allowed to move, gospel programs will go off the air. Their liberties will tumble as a row of dominoes when the first one is pushed over.

What has happened to our nation while many of us believers have slumbered and slept? May God's people in America be awakened! And may we Brethren help to set the alarm! ▼

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Architecture—a Ministry for Christ

Editorials

By Lester E. Pifer

Our U.S. Supreme Court

The Christian thinker shudders whenever our U.S. Supreme Court begins to weigh issues that pertain to the values of the Christian faith. Some of these decisions protecting the liberties of a small minority have grossly violated the privileges and liberties of the vast majority of people in our land. We are mindful of the fact that these men—intelligent, informed, educated, but just men—determine the validity and accuracy of our judicial system. These men, politically appointed, secularly minded, under the pressures exerted by lobbying groups, the press, popular thinking and expression, must weigh spiritual values when called upon. Our fears magnify and multiply when we remember that the Scripture says that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14). Knowing the character of juris prudence through the years of history we can easily understand why the apostle Paul warned the Corinthian Christians, "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust . . .?" (I Cor. 6:1).

Many efforts are being put forth by journalists to break what they call "the outmoded Victorian morality code" of journalism. They seem determined to force upon the public their free thinking, free wheeling, degraded moral views. Apparently they desire to picture, print, and illuminate the trends in sex and illicit relationships. If this group prefer to live this way, they may, but we emphatically object to the use of the press, the magazine stands, radio, television, and Uncle Sam's mail service for the dissemination of their views and the forcing of their evil ideas upon the public. The problems of our society in the realms of domestic relationship and crime are increasing at a staggering rate. Heaping pornographic literature upon a morally weakened, sinful society could be compared to pouring gasoline upon a blazing fire.

One of the more brazen and bold writers of the pornographic line is one Ralph Ginzburg. He was the writer and publisher of an expose magazine called *Fact* and other publications such as *The Housewife's Handbook on Selective Promiscuity* and *Liaison, the Bi-weekly Newsletter of Love*. Editor Ginzburg tried the publication of a lavish quarterly called *Eros*. Four issues were released in 1962. The last issue had inscribed upon its inside front cover the words, "Unto the pure all things are pure . . ." and on the inside back cover ". . . but unto them that are defiled . . . is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." Titus 1:15, *The Holy Bible*.

His erotic and Biblical efforts did not appear pure to all. In 1963, after 35,000 complaints, Ginzburg was indicted on 28 counts of mailing obscene literature. He was tried in federal court in Philadelphia and found guilty on all counts. His sentence was a fine of $42,000 and five years imprisonment. His appeal was rejected in the U.S. circuit court but he was allowed a hearing by the Supreme Court.

It is to be understood that this trial did not merely consider the editor and publisher, the figure of a man by the name of Ralph Ginzburg. The issue and stakes are much greater. This is a multimillion dollar industry today, with a host of others ready to foist their wares upon unsuspecting America. Senator Wallace F. Bennet (Utah) explained recently, to a group of ministers in which this writer was present, the enormous financial backing, the legal advice and social pressures leveled against efforts to curb this industry by legislation. The apathy toward this problem on the part of the average American, including the informed Christian, is appalling.

The United States Supreme Court has upheld the decision of the lower court, and Ralph Ginzburg—and, may we add, the entire lot of writers, publishers, and distributers of such literature—are guilty of dissemination of pornographic literature. Our congratulations to the Supreme Court on its decision! We are amazed at this decision of the High Court; however, we cannot doubt that a sovereign God may have overruled in this case to hold back the bold strides being made toward degeneracy in our land of America. The prayers of God's people have been heard and answered. Let us not fail to express ourselves as favoring this decision to those who sit in positions of the legislative process.

Senator Dirksen (Illinois) is determined to bring before the Senate a move to reverse the Supreme Court's decision on prayer in public schools. In a recent speech the Senator said: "I'm not going to let nine men say to 190 million people, including children, when and where they can utter their prayers. The high and august court puts thumbs down on prayer."

God's people ought to pray and express themselves in this tremendous issue. Senator Dirksen needs our encouragement, our help, and, more than these, the help of God in overthrowing this sweeping decision. History will reveal the impact that has already been made upon our youth by the decision of the United States Supreme Court on prayer in the schools. ▼

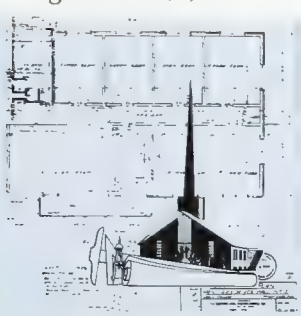
Directors Approve Moving Forward by Faith

The Brethren Home Missions Council directors and department heads met at Winona Lake, Indiana, for their semi-annual meeting March 7 to 10. These men began the day with devotions and spent much time in prayer as they carefully dealt with each of more than fifty major items of business. The oneness of mind in the final decisions certainly was indicative of the Holy Spirit's ministry. Their compassion and zeal for reaching the lost were a great factor in many of the decisions.

1965-66 Offering and Debt

Our financial report to the board could be for only 11 months of our fiscal year ending March 31, 1966. We were glad to report that the offering had already exceeded the total for the previous fiscal year and was $27,000 ahead of the same 11-month period last year ($15,000 would be needed in March to maintain this gain). The designated gifts for the Brethren Navajo Mission and the Brethren Messianic Testimony exceeded expenditures at both points.

The deficit has been reduced to less than $100,000 through a reduced budget, the realization of $30,000 in annuities, and designated gifts for debt reduction via a direct mail letter netting around $5,000.



COVER PAGE

Featured this month is the Brethren Architectural Department. The background is a portion of the Grace College Men's Residence Hall blueprint and the "Let's Build a Brethren Church" artwork.

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Architectural Department

Rev. Ralph Hall, head of the architectural department, reported his volume of business almost doubled over the previous year. One full-time employee, Mr. Warren Zellner, and one part-time employee, Mr. James McCleary, were added to the staff. Approval was given to enlarge and increase the facilities for this department in cooperation with the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, owner of the building.

Brethren Investment Foundation

Investments in the Brethren Investment Foundation now exceed 5 million dollars. A number of church building loans were approved, including self-supporting churches, new home-mission churches, other new churches, and several church expansion programs. A part-time employee in this department has been replaced by a full-time girl. One-half per cent interest increase on loans made by the Brethren Investment Foundation was approved to care for the additional personnel and overhead.

Building Additions

Building additions were approved for the home-mission churches at Hagerstown, Maryland, Davenport, Iowa, and Kokomo, Indiana. These churches have submitted reports, plans, and a financial statement indicating growth that will carry the additional financial burden.

New Points Accepted

Four new home-mission points have been accepted for administration but without any financial help for 1966. These were Lexington, Ohio, Minerva, Ohio, Richland, Washington, and Souderton, Pennsylvania. Spokane, Washington, a former home-mission church, has been taken back under contract to the Brethren Home Missions Council at their request.

Western Director To Be Added

The heavy demands for administrative help and guidance on the West Coast and the need for development of several new mission points have moved the Board of Directors to look with favor upon the appointment of a West Coast director. Pray for God's wisdom and direction in this appointment.

Workshops

Workshops for our home missionaries have proven to be such a blessing that consent was granted to hold Eastern and Western workshops again in 1967. Invitations have already been extended by a church in the East and one in the West to host these workshops.

Church Plans Approved

Final approval for the Columbus, Ohio, plans was granted, and the building is now under construction. Preliminary plans for a new church building in Kent, Washington, received the board's "O.K." Permission for remodeling a church building in Winona, Minnesota, was granted.

Evangelism Memorial

As a memorial to the late R. Paul Miller, first executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and realizing the great need for evangelistic pastors to man our home-mission churches, a gift was voted for the R. Paul Miller Evangelism lectures given each year at Grace Theological Seminary. This gift will continue for three more years, making a total of five years for an annual contribution.

Appreciation

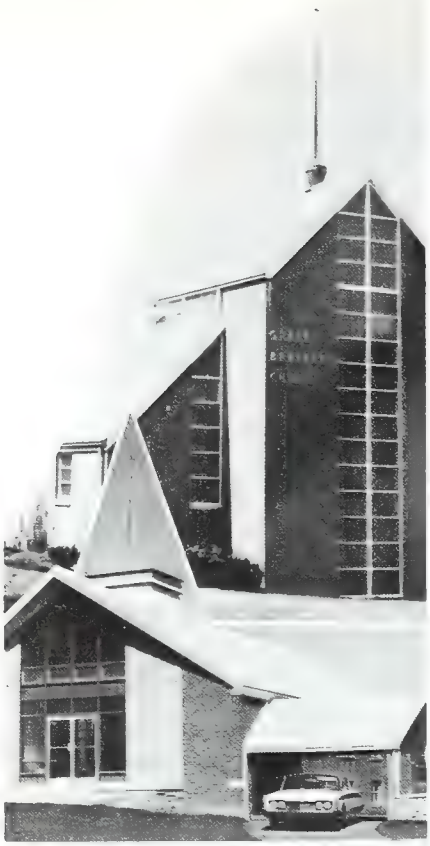
The Board of Directors wish to express their appreciation to the staff for their ministry, to all home-mission personnel for their fine cooperation and work, and to the members and friends of our corporation for their daily prayer support and generous gifts, thus making possible the outstanding results in souls saved, growth and development of our mission points, and financial increase to care for the budget and to pay substantially on the deficit. Praise the Lord for His gracious gifts! ▼

Architecture--a Ministry for Christ

By Ralph C. Hall, P.E.

Ralph C. Hall—James McCleary—Warren Zellner

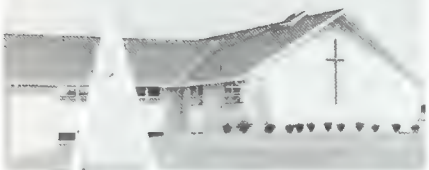
















The wisest and best-known builder in Biblical history gave this admonition: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). When it came time to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness, God took Moses up to the mount and showed him the pattern and told him what materials to use. Thus God was the architect who prepared the plans and specifications for the Tabernacle. In a similar manner the Lord directed Solomon in the building of the Temple. These accounts reveal the importance of God's direction in planning and building His house of worship through men who are not only skilled craftsmen but whose lives are also dedicated to Him to accomplish this purpose.

With this conviction 12 years ago Brethren Home Missions launched the architectural department to provide professional services for home-mission churches. God blessed this venture; the volume of work steadily increased until today architectural services are being provided not only for home-mission churches, but also for established Brethren churches and for several other evangelical congregations who have requested such services. Approximately twenty churches are currently using the services of the department with ten churches now under construction and plans in preparation for ten others. Plans are completed and the construction is being supervised for the new Men's Residence Hall for Grace College. Since the founding of the department more than thirty Brethren churches or building additions and 12 non-Brethren churches have been planned and the building construction completed.

God has led and blessed greatly in many ways in my own life. Little did I realize while studying for my bachelor of science in engineering at Ohio State University that He was

preparing me to serve in my present capacity. Believing that God was calling me to serve Him in some capacity I prepared by completing work for a bachelor of divinity degree at Grace Seminary. After seminary I served as the pastor of a new home-mission congregation, assisted in its organization and early development, prepared the plans for a new building, and led the Riverside congregation at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in the completion and dedication of this new edifice.

Two years later I was called to become pastor of an established church at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. These two pastorates provided valuable experience for me to understand better the needs of both home-mission and established congregations, to know first-hand the operation of the local church, and to know what building facilities can best meet the functional needs of the church in performing its ministry for Christ.

As I look back now I can see how the Lord has directed in preparing me to serve in my present role, although I must confess that many times along the way it was not so clear.

The Lord has also enabled me to secure registration as a professional engineer in most states where we have Brethren churches that needed my services. On several occasions when people have expressed appreciation for our services and complimented designs or features of buildings I can only acknowledge again my conviction that the Lord has guided and supplied needed wisdom.

The staff at present includes two other fine Christian men. Mr. W. James McCleary, A.I.A., a registered architect with a master of architecture degree from the University of Illinois, has made a very fine contribution to the work of the department and does much of the technical aspect of the work. In addition Mr. Warren E. Zellner, a draftsman, has been very valuable in doing much of the drafting, detailing, and behind-the-scenes work for efficient operation of the department. He has had considerable training and experience in both drafting and construction work.

If this generation is to be reached for Christ, there is a great need to provide adequate church facilities, simple in design, modest in cost, but extremely functional in arrangement. It is of utmost importance that the building be properly planned to serve efficiently the needs of the local church if its ministry is to be effective for Christ. This can be best accomplished by men who are not only qualified by technical training but who also know Christ, whose lives and talents are dedicated to Him, and who understand thoroughly the needs and objectives of the evangelical, Bible-teaching church. This is the objective of the architectural department.

The Lord also guides the local congregation in the decisions that are theirs to make in planning building facilities. When pastor, people and architect can work together as a team seeking guidance from the Lord, the resulting experience is most satisfying. The Lord's people can still experience that which they did in Nehemiah's day: "So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).





PRAISE GOD FOR AN ACCIDENT

By Warren E. Zellner, Draftsman

The apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:8, "If there be any praise, think on these things." There are many kinds of praise—the kind of praise when Jesus first comes into your heart, the praise that comes because of God's watchcare, and so forth. My desire here is to praise God for His longsuffering to me. Things were not going well. I had dropped from Grace College with only a few hours needed to complete the required work for a B.A. degree. There was too much work to do, and I was trying to do it in my own strength.

During the summer of 1964 Mr. Hall had asked me to join the architectural department of the Home Missions Council. My commitments were elsewhere, and I was not free at the time, so I thought. But God has a way of changing conditions. In November, 1964, I fell and broke my leg. God's permissive will had overruled, and the door of service in the home-missions architectural department stood open to me.

Since that moment my heart has been blessed time and again. Working in an office so closely tied with missions and evangelism has surely been a boon to my own life. I have always loved construction and architecture, and I believe God was preparing me for this time even as I worked in the church furniture business for four and a half years. Now the experience is even more gratifying; not only do I have work I enjoy, but more important is the fact that I serve the Lord in doing it. It is wonderful to be a part of a new Sunday-school addition, a new sanctuary, and so forth. My cousins over in Pennsylvania have a phrase for it: it is not just good, "it's wonderful good."

SCOPE, MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

By James McCleary, A.I.A.

Early last summer I joined the architectural department here at the Brethren Home Missions Council and started immediately on production of drawings for the new Men's

Residence Hall at Grace College. Since joining the staff I have come to know the dynamic force moving here in the service of our Lord. The department and I personally have been blessed in the many opportunities to serve in the design and development of plans for new church homes for His people.

The opportunity here came to me during a difficult period of my life and opened new doors and avenues of expression for me, and I thank God for the blessings of these opportunities. It is thrilling to know that God does answer prayer and He gives each person talents with which to serve. I am thankful to the Lord for the many blessings He has generously bestowed.

We have been busy in the past few months on many jobs across this land. It is a real thrill to see the vision of the many congregations in building for the future and in planning for a very real ministry in their communities. I hope that my small part in this total effort may be ever more fruitful.

Often in working on these projects I think of the mission in the terms and form used in architectural specifications.

Scope: To fulfill the mission God intends for our lives.

Materials: The inspired Word of God.

Workmanship: Daily seek His guidance in our task and seek to conduct our lives and use our talents for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. ▼

From Dryhill's 1965 Inventory

By Mrs. Marvin Lowery

As we take a quick glance at the year just passed we find that it has been 12 months of real blessing in the Lord's service. Not all has been "roses," but as we see the year in retrospect it has the definite "fragrance" of the Holy Spirit at work. Come with me as we look at some of the victories.

First there have been those Christians who have shown real spiritual



Dixie Lowery

growth. There is the woman who hadn't been at all faithful in church attendance now attending both Sunday services and active in inviting others.

There is the woman who felt that she had been wronged, thus having a very unforgiving heart toward her neighbor and bitterness toward God, now acknowledging her sin and once again back in church.

There is the teen-age girl who visits an elderly man and reads the Bible to him.

There are several men whose eyes are beginning to open to their need of Christ.

There aree teen-agers who come seeking counseling and guidance concerning spiritual problems as well as help with school subjects.

There is the little boy who came to me and said, "Mrs. Lowery, I asked Jesus to come into my heart last night."

Then there was the little boy whose answer to my husband's Bible quiz question, "Who killed a bear?" was a very serious "Daniel Boone."

And there are many many more victories that have been won as God's Word has been given out: lives that have been touched, if even very briefly, by the regular hospital visitation.

But there have also been discouragements and defeats. There was the dying woman who, because she belonged to a church, claimed, "I am not ungodly"; and in her last moments of life she reached for the arm of her church with all the last rites instead of leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus. Heartbreaking, yes; but there are her husband and three children to be reached for Christ. Won't you join us in praying for them?

Pray, too, that this year of 1966 will be an even greater year of blessing and victory for our Lord's honor and glory.

When we first arrived here, a friend said, "We'll know that something is being accomplished down there when the name is changed from 'Hell-For-Certain' to 'Heaven-For-Sure.'" Although we may not be able to change the name of the community, *you* can have a part in changing the destiny of many of our folks by your regular prayers on their behalf. ▼

Marvin Lowery Day

May 1, 1966, has been set aside at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, as "Marvin Lowery Day." Marvin Lowery, now a home missionary at Dryhill, Kentucky, will be returning "home"; for this is his home church. The pastor, Robert Collitt, and the Grace Brethren Church on this day will be aiming for a goal of $1,800 toward Brother Marvin's salary plus $2,000 for transportation at Dryhill. Rev. Lester Pifer, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, will be bringing special messages during the day, showing the home-mission slides in the evening service to climax the special emphasis. One year ago on Easter Sunday $1,550 was given by this same church toward Marvin Lowery's support; this year's goal is much higher. *Pray for Marvin Lowery Day.*



Marvin Lowery

Bothell, Washington Using New Air Dome



The Air Dome and the Bothell congregation meeting inside.

The Grace Brethren Church of Bothell, Washington, moved into their new Air Dome building on January 30. This new type of temporary building has been used for many purposes, including churches by other denominations, but this is a "first" for a Brethren Home Missions work.

The temporary church is located on a foundation that will be used for the permanent building later. It can be moved easily and should be usable for a number of new churches. Both the exterior and interior of the Air Dome are pictured above. Curtains will be used to divide the area into Sunday-school classrooms.

The pastor, Clarence Green, said, "We're looking forward to dedication of the Air Dome sometime in April," but a definite date has not been received at this writing.

Home Mission Field Reports

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Melvin C. Hobson, pastor). On Sunday, March 13, two young men rededicated their lives to the Lord. The following Sunday a young husband, another young man and a nine-year-old girl accepted Christ as Saviour. We praise the Lord for these decisions and for new people coming into the services nearly every Sunday.

KOKOMO, IND. (Herman Hein, Jr., pastor). Four new members have been added to the church recently. The Sunday-school attendance continues to increase, and plans have been approved to add some additional classrooms. We are praying for our goal of going self-supporting by January 1, 1967.

LANSING, MICH. (Randall Poyner, pastor). We arrived in Lansing, Michigan, at 913 North Waverly Road, on March 15. Members of the church helped to arrange and set our new home in order. Later a food shower was given us and we now have a generous supply on hand, filling the cupboards of our new home. My first Sunday service was March 20.

ELYRIA, OHIO (Richard Placeway, pastor). Last Sunday morning (March 13) two men came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord, and one young girl came for salvation. We wanted to share with you these good things from the Lord in answer to prayer.

VANDALIA, OHIO (Everett N. Caes, pastor). We are happy to report three families have indicated a desire to join our membership. Also our Bible school had a 103.2 per cent increase for March.

EVERY BRETHREN FOR E-TOWN!

Elizabethtown (better known as E-town), Pennsylvania, is the city calling for help from the Brethren Minute-men. The letter has gone out, and the usual number of faithful Minute-men will respond; but how about you?

The fact that faithful Brethren men have assisted in helping more than thirty Brethren testimonies get started in less than two decades is an excellent record. These Minute-men are enjoying great blessing in having a personal interest in "their" churches and reading about the victories for Christ.

The E-town church is a branch of our church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Five years ago Lancaster started with fewer than twenty people. It is now enlarging its building for the second time after giving people for two branches. Average Sunday-school attendance in March was 290 for Lancaster and 85 for E-town.

"Every Brethren a Minute-man" would be such a help to E-town. It would provide a full-time ministry and help provide a church building. Rev. Warren E. Tamkin has accepted the call to become pastor and will begin his ministry there this month.

Help increase our Minute-man force to 25,000 strong. *Return your envelope today!*



Israel Calls!

THE MALEK HAMOVETH

By Bruce L. Button

There is toward the end of the Passover service and meal held in the home the singing of an old tune called "One Kid." In the next to the last verse of this ancient song are contained these words: "Then the Angel of Death [Malek Hamoveth] came, and slew the slaughterer. . . ."

The Malek Hamoveth (the angel of death) is a personality one finds often as he contemplates the literature of the people of Israel, the people of the dispersion. The angel of death is a figure of great prominence in the theology of Judaism. He occupies a place of importance in the rabbinic lore and the traditions of Judaism. In fact, many times one hears the Jewish person refer to this Malek Hamoveth as almost the bringer of evil luck. In one small commentary regarding the legends of the Jews, reference is made approximately one hundred times to his power, activities and dealings with Jews.

This angel of death has a name. It is Samuel. He is described as to stature and person. His height is so great it would take 500 years to cover a distance equal to it. The means of travel used to cover this distance is not specified, but even a slow walk would make him quite tall to say the least. And when one considers that his entire body is covered by countless thousands of eyes, he is hardly eager to meet up with this person.

Samuel's activities are varied. He is the one who conducts the unborn soul of a man on an inspection trip of Paradise, hell and the world. He it is who replaces this same soul in the womb of the mother. He is the one who, when the soul demurs at being born into the world, forces it to be born. And finally he is the one who calls for the soul of that same person when it is time for him to leave the world.

According to Jewish tradition not all men were defeated by death. Abraham was unafraid of death and was, because of his righteousness, able to defeat its purpose. In fact, since death was not able to curse Abraham's soul to depart from him, God removed his soul as in a dream, and the archangel Michael took it up into heaven. Thus it would appear that righteousness is the defense against the power of the angel of death.

Jewish tradition teaches that God resolved to give eternal life to any nation which would receive the Torah (Law). Therefore when Israel accepted the Torah she gained supremacy over the angel of death. Says God to Moses, "To you I gave the Torah; for your sake I said to the Angel of Death, 'Continue to hold sway over the rest of the world, but not over this nation that I have chosen as My people.' Truly I had hopes that after all this you would sin no more, and like Myself and the Angels would live eternally, without ever tasting death." However, when the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, they promptly lost this supremacy.

But tradition teaches that the Torah is still a weapon against the angel of death. When the angel descended from heaven to take Elijah from the earth, he found the prophet in earnest discussion with Elisha relative to the Law. He was unable

to attract Elijah's attention and thus had to return to heaven without accomplishing his mission.

The angel of death found it necessary to trick David in order to gain possession of him. David had learned he was to die on the Sabbath in his 70th year. This did not suit him, as he desired to depart this life on Friday. To thwart the angel David spent every Sabbath exclusively in the study of the Torah (Law), for the angel of death has no power to slay a man while he is occupied with the fulfillment of God's commandments. Thus it became necessary for the angel to resort to trickery. He caused David to hear strange sounds in his garden. David rushed to the stairs leading down into his garden and started to descend. The stairs gave way and he was killed in the fall he suffered.

These are just a few of the teachings Jewish tradition presents concerning the problem of death. And when one realizes Jewish tradition reeks with such erroneous teaching, he is better able to understand the difficulty in which the Jew finds himself when faced with Biblical truth. To embrace such truth the Jew must reject and deny the man-made traditions which are centered in his religious background. He must deny rabbinic Judaism, for its man-made tradition renders the Word of God ineffective. It is no wonder that Jesus said to the rabbinic teachers of His day, "You make the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:13).

However, even tradition contains some germ of truth. The truth of the matter is this: God's Word does protect from death, or in the language of tradition, from the Malek Hamoveth. To ignore God's Word permits the angel of death to gain a strange hold upon one's soul. But when one listens to the Word of God, the Bible, he finds that the living Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, is able to take us who are dead in trespasses and sins, and make us to sit in the heavenlies in himself. We upon a sincere confession of Him as Saviour and Lord can say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55).

We who are believers are the most fortunate of people. And in our good fortune we should remember the Jew is at enmity with the Lord for our sakes concerning the gospel. Because of this we should willingly accept the responsibility which God places upon us when He says, "For as ye [Gentiles] in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their [the Jews'] unbelief: even so have these [Jews] also now not believed, that through your [the Christian's] mercy they [the Jews] also may obtain mercy" (Rom. 11:30-31).

The Malek Hamoveth, the angel of death. He is very real to the Jews in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles. He is very real to the Jews in your area. He broods over them continually. He calls them one by one. And they fear him, try to hold him off. They need the message which we have received, how "that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:21).

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CHURCH NEWS

HARRAH, WASH. The Northwest District conference was held in the Harrah Brethren Church Feb. 14 to 16, with Dr. Harold Etling, Rev. Lester Pifer, and Rev. Bill Smith, all of Winona Lake, Ind., as speakers. The Harrah church is currently in a contest with the Grace Brethren Church of Yakima, Wash., with the losing side to provide a meal for the winners. A number of decisions have been made publicly during the past year, and a family of five have been received into membership. Howard Snively, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. When Edith Geske and George Cone presented a missionary challenge at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church on the closing day of their March missionary conference, there were six decisions, including four young people who dedicated their lives to the Lord. The offering for foreign missions that day was $456.63. Earle Peer, pastor.

NOTICE. Brethren churches across the nation are expressing a keen interest in this year's Vacation Bible School materials. Orders are arriving daily at the Missionary Herald, and the filmstrips explaining the courses are in constant demand. *Don't be disappointed!* Order early, generously estimating your needs . . . all leftover items you have are returnable for full credit. Remember—you pay no postage or handling charges when you order from the Missionary Herald, and you need not pay for your items until after your VBS is over. Your patronage is appreciated, and the proceeds are used in the ministry of the printed page.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. There were three first-time decisions for Christ at the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church March 13, and on April 3, two people were baptized. George Wallace, pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. During three weeks in March at the Grace Brethren Church there were six decisions to receive Christ as Saviour, one public rededication, and one decision for baptism, all but two of which were made by teen-agers. Pastor William Shelby reports that in his work as a door-to-door salesman he has been able to reach several new families, and a few have been attending the church.

WINONA LAKE, IND. This year's national conference will be held here August 15 through 21, with the Sunday-school convention Sunday and Monday, August 14 and 15. The national youth conference will be held August 14 to 21. Churches are urged to care for their pastor's expenses in attending the conference—by setting aside a generous amount for travel, meals and lodging. Many churches also assist lay delegates in their conference expenses.

LANCASTER, PA. William Tweeddale, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, writes: "We just completed a wonderful missionary conference (March 2 to 5). We also had the Lay Institute of Evangelism in our church, put on by Campus Crusade, and we had 22 going out on Sunday afternoon, March 9, simply to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. It was refreshing and invigorating."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gardner, 1433 W. 17th St., Davenport, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, 520 S. Pearl St., Covington, Ohio.



MANHEIM, PA. The Grace Brethren Church here has purchased a plot of ground of nearly seven acres; Rev. Ralph Hall, pictured at the right of the sign with Pastor Ulysses Gingrich, will be working with the church on their building plans. They hope to start construction in the spring of 1967.

NOTICE. The July-August-September Brethren Quarterly will consist of a special series of lessons on prophecy. Churches using various elective courses may wish to use this timely series during this coming quarter. Copies of the teachers' quarterly are now off the press, and a free sample copy will be sent to any superintendent or pastor requesting one. Address your request to the Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

MARGATE, FLA. The Broward Bible Institute, sponsored by the Grace Brethren Churches of Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, and Margate, Fla., held its first session at the Margate church on March 21. Thirty adults are enrolled in one or more of the three courses offered: personal evangelism and follow-up, New Testament survey, and methods of Bible study and interpretation. Pastors Dean Risser, Gene Witzky, and Ralph Colburn are the instructors of this ten-week institute.

DES MOINES, IOWA. In meetings held at the First Brethren Church March 13 to 20 by Rev. Herman Hein, of Kokomo, Ind., there were 23 first-time decisions for Christ and 21 rededications. Average attendance for the meetings was 146. Richard Sellers, pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. John Zielasko, missionary to Brazil, brought a challenging message to the Clayton Brethren on a Wednesday evening in March, and the following Sunday, March 20, Miss Edith Geske, from Central Africa, spoke and showed slides in the morning and evening services. William Howard, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Special speaker at a mother-daughter banquet of the North Long Beach Brethren Church May 3 was Mrs. Paul Carlson, missionary to the Congo. George Peek, pastor.

CUMBERLAND, MD. In March a committee of pastors from the Allegheny District were investigating the possibility of starting a Bible class in Cumberland.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Dennis Beach, a middler at Grace Seminary, has been called by the First Brethren

Church here, his home church, to serve as assistant pastor for the summer of 1966. "Jerusalem," the colorful Billy Graham film, was shown at the church on Sunday evening, April 10. John Terrell, pastor.

JACKSON, MICH. Dr. Russell Barnard was the speaker recently in the Grace Brethren Church for both the morning and evening services. This was Dr. and Mrs. Barnard's first visit to the Jackson church. Gilbert Hawkins, pastor.

LA HABRA, CALIF. The La Habra Brethren Church concluded a successful missionary conference recently with Dr. Arthur Mouw as the main speaker. The Jake Klievers, Eddie Millers, Robert Cover, Walter Haag, and Jack Churchill were present to represent Brethren fields. During the week six lives were given for missionary service. Robert Hill, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Mr. Ted Dencher, a converted Jehovah's Witness from Sharon, Pa., ministered in all the services of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, March 20. Glenn Byers, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Guest speaker in the Sunday evening service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church April 3 was Rev. George Cone, missionary to the Central African Republic and a member of the Winona Lake church. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. In the final service of the recent missionary conference at the First Brethren Church 12 young people publicly committed their lives to Christ. The conference offering goal of $500 for a church in Hawaii was exceeded by $200. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

JEFFERSON CENTER, PA. The pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church of Jefferson Center is Mr. Robert Hooks, R. R. 2, Worthington, Pa.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The dedication of the new Community Grace Brethren Church was held March 27; guest speaker was Dr. Charles Mayes, of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. The new building is located at 5885 Downey Ave. Gene Klingler, pastor.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. On a Wednesday evening in March the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church saw slides of our mission work in Brazil, narrated by Rev. Dean Risser, who with his wife recently visited the field. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church here hosted the Nor-Cal District youth rally March 18 and 19. Seven adults and 49 teen-agers attended, and one girl made a public decision for Christ. Charles Martin, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Neilson, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 6. Alva Steffler, pastor.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. Record-breaking attendances were reached in the Sunday school and morning worship service at the Grace Brethren Church Feb. 20. A week of pre-Easter meetings were conducted March 27 through April 3 by Rev. and Mrs. Dale Hostetler. Robert Salazar, pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO. On March 13 Clate Risley, formerly with the N.S.S.A., spoke and showed slides at the First Brethren Church. Mr. Risley is now with World Evangelism Fellowship. Robert Whited, pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Rev. Conard Sandy is much improved in health and is now available to hold evangelistic and Bible conference meetings. Contact him at 6343 Jansen Dr., Sacramento, Calif. 95824 (Tel. 916-457-6448).

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GILLIN, Mrs. Margaret, a charter member of the Singer Hill Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., died Feb. 4. Glenn Byers, pastor.

BLACK, Mrs. Keitha, a member of the First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif., since 1963, died Feb. 14. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.

SCHWAB, Mrs. Arthur (Beatrice) Taylor, 59, died Feb. 26. With her husband she became a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., in 1948, where she was faithful as a deaconess, Sunday-school worker, and clerk in the church office. Charles Mayes, pastor.

AGLER, Glen, 77, died March 10; he was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

STENNETT, Mrs. Irene, a faithful member and worker in the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., died March 13. Glenn Byers, pastor.

McDONALD, Mrs. John (Agnes), 47, passed away March 17 after a lengthy illness. Memorial services were held at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, where she had been a member since 1959. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

HUTTON, Mrs. Inez, a long-time member of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., and more recently of the Grace Brethren Church of West Covina, Calif., died March 21. Albert Hutton, her son and only survivor, is youth pastor at the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif. Services were conducted at Covina by Rev. Robert E. A. Miller and Rev. Robert Kliewer.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Johnson City, Tenn.	April 18-24	K. E. Richardson	G. Lingenfelter
Bowling Green, Ohio	May 29-June 5	Marion Thomas	Ron Thompson
Martinsburg, Pa.	April 24-May 1	John Terrell	Nathan Casement
Brookville, Ohio	May 15-18	Clair Brickel	Leo Polmans
Long Beach, Calif.	April 17-22	Gene Klingler	Freddy Lindblad
Uniontown, Pa.	April 19-24	True Hunt	Iner Basingers

Jeane Dixon's Gift of Prophecy--

IS IT FROM GOD

BY REV. CHARLES H. ASHMAN, JR.

Pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church
Winona Lake, Indiana



With the publication of the book written by Mrs. Ruth Montgomery, *A Gift of Prophecy—The Phenomenal Jeane Dixon* (condensed for twenty million readers by *Reader's Digest*), interest in prophets, prophetesses, the crystal ball and the ability to read the future has reached a new peak. Mrs. Dixon warned ahead of time that President Kennedy would be assassinated, giving time, place, and certain letters of the killer's name. She also predicted the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the plane crashes that took the lives of Dag Hammarskjold and Carole Lombard, the suicide of Marilyn Monroe, the orbiting of the first Soviet Sputnik, and numerous other events of personal, national and international importance. You cannot read the book without an occasional raised eyebrow or a considered "I wonder now," especially when you read some of her predictions which so closely parallel some Biblical prophecies.

Can it be that this woman has a gift from God? Is this a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Joel 2:28)? Is God sending us a new set of prophets with a new message? Can we trust Mrs. Dixon's predictions? Should we listen to and seek her advice? What should be the Christian's reaction to her foretellings?

To answer these and other questions, we must answer from the Bible the following: Is all predictive prophecy, are all "gifts of prophecy," from God? What is a prophet? Can a person predict the future at all unless God gives him the information? If there is such a thing as a false prophet today who can predict the future, how can we tell him from a true prophet?

A prophet, one truly from God, is one to whom God has given the ability to reveal His will, including the foretelling of certain events. The Bible says that the true prophet is under the power of the Spirit of Jehovah (I Sam. 1C Num. 11:25). "For the prophecy came not in old time the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they w *moved by the Holy Ghost"* (II Peter 1:21). God did men to reveal His will and foretell the future.

But close behind the true prophet came the false pro et, who was motivated by personal reasons or by the of this world, the great deceiver, Satan himself. Th were numerous warnings to Israel about false prophets especially Jer. 23:20-22, 25-28; 29:8-9). The New Te ment warned that there would be false prophets in this especially in the last days. "And many false prophets sh rise, and shall deceive many. . . . For there shall arise fa Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall ceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:11, 24).

The assumption of these warnings is that the fa prophet does have a gift; he does see and do miracul things; he does know something of the future. But knowledge and ability are not from God.

Test of Accuracy

How are we to tell the false from the true? God has gi us some tests to apply to the prophet and his prophec The first is the test of accuracy. "When the word of prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be kno that the Lord hath truly sent him" (Jer. 28:9).

In the Old Testament there was a severe penalty for a one prophesying *anything* that did not come to pass. L at Deuteronomy 18:20-22: "But the prophet, which sh presume to speak a word in my name, which I have commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the na of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou in thine heart, How shall we know the word which Lord hath not spoken? when a prophet speaketh in the na of the Lord, *if the thing follow not, nor come to pass,* t is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the pro et hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be af of him."

God does not err. He is always right. If a prophet is be moved by the Spirit of God, he will always be right, just have a good batting average.

The truth is that all fortunetellers and crystal ball gazers l false prophets *goof*. Many are pure fakers—just good ssers. Mrs. Dixon's prophecies are too detailed and spe- c for that. Nonetheless, she has "missed" on many oc- ons. She predicted that President De Gaulle would sur- der his powers in 1964, that Johnson would win the '64 tion by a paper-thin majority with Goldwater running ad until the last minute, that world war with China uld erupt in 1964, that Richard Nixon would defeat .K. in 1960, that Walter Reuther would be Democratic didate for president in 1964, that no "particularly new brilliant legislation would be passed by congress in '65" ne year of Medicare, Poverty Program, Civil Rights Bill, leral Aid to Education Bill and others. In 1965 she caused outhern California panic with the prediction of an earth- ake and a tidal wave which failed to materialize. On all se occasions and others she woefully missed. Some have imated her accuracy rate as 60 per cent, some as high 80 per cent; but all, even her most avid followers, read- admit that in spite of many fantastic, hard-to-believe pre- tions which have come to pass, she frequently prophesies ngs that do not come to pass.

Jeane Dixon fails the Biblical test of accuracy.

Test of Effect

The second test laid down by the Bible is the test of effect. iat is, what effect does the prophecy have on the people? hat does it lead them to do? Does it motivate them to rship the one and only true God?

If you read carefully Deuteronomy 13:1-5 you will note it it speaks of one who prophesies a thing *which does me to pass*, apparently passing the test of accuracy. But s prophet then leads to the worship of other gods, not hovah. God says we are not to listen to him. In Israel ch a prophet was to be put to death.

There have been many false prophets who have led people ay from the worship of the true God. Emmanuel Sweden- rg, with visions of heaven and hell and many "wonderful ings," led many astray to the founding of the Sweden- rgen Church, which in doctrine denies most of the ecious Biblical truths about the deity and person of hrist. Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism, was another sionary.

What about Jeane Dixon? She is a devout Catholic who tends Mass every morning. She claims to be of God and aims to lead people to worship God. She speaks much of r belief in God.

But when you consider carefully much that is in the book, *Gift of Prophecy*, you find a strange mixture of Catholi- m, palmistry, crystal ball gazing, reading of the cards, uch perception, astrology, and spiritism. Let me quote m the book.

Catholicism—"Many of her visions take place as she is ying for candles to burn to Mary." So Jeane Dixon would ad one to believe in Mariolotry, the worship of Mary. As e shall see in a later consideration, she also teaches the ture submission of all faiths to the Catholic Church.

Palmistry—"Her 'gift' was discovered when she was ly a child when a gypsy woman said, 'Look at her left nd. Here is a star of David and with this double headline ading from it, she would need no other symbol in order have the gift of prophecy.'"

The crystal ball—"Looking into her crystal ball she replied renely, 'I'll tell you not only your golf score but also the resident's. It was 96 and 92—you won.'" This was a velation to a leading celebrity who said he did not dare make the President's (Eisenhower's) score known. The crystal ball has a major place in many of Mrs. Dixon's visions and prophecies.

Fortunetelling by cards—"In giving readings, Jeane sometimes offered a worn deck of cards for the subject to shuffle and touch. . . . 'The sweet old gypsy lady gave me these cards when I was eight years old and because she blessed them they carry a good vibration.'"

Astrology—"'I don't do astrology. I could if I wanted to, because I was taught it by a Jesuit priest while in my teens but it takes too much time.'" "But Jeane Dixon works out her own calendar of good and bad days a year in advance."

Spiritism—"At the beginning of the trance while Mrs. Miller played the piano, a spirit force allegedly lifted it off the floor." There are other references in the book which clearly parallel the practices of spiritism.

Touch perception—"Whenever she agrees to 'read' for someone or many times spontaneously upon touching the fingertips of an individual, she receives emanations and vibrations revealing this person's past, present and future."

As you go through the book, you search in vain for anything that brings glory to Christ. All the glory is given to the prophetess. I find nothing in her prophecies that would lead one to worship the Lord, Jehovah of the Old Testament and Christ of the New.

Then, too, practically all the revelation to Mrs. Dixon is through channels which are condemned by the Bible, or have been used by the fakers, astrologers, and spirit mediums throughout the centuries. God in His Word is explicit in His demand that His people not seek after or follow the advice of the soothsayer, the astrologer, or the enchanter (Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9).

There are other reasons why we must reject Jeane Dixon as a prophetess. She teaches doctrine that is contrary to Scripture. "She attempts to define her own philosophy of living in these terms, 'It seems to me we have a purpose in life. We come from God and we return to God. He would not be all loving and all merciful if He had not given us the means at the time of our creation to return to Him. Each of us must therefore find and develop that purpose within ourselves.'"

This is a false gospel of some type of salvation by self effort along with the shades of universalism. Again, you are shocked as you read of advice she often gives her clients toward the unbiblical practices of divorce, abortion, and gambling.

Jeane Dixon certainly fails the test of effect. She does not lead people toward the acceptance of the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, or toward the worship of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of men.

Mrs. Dixon has a "gift." She has foretold some events with amazing accuracy. Her signs and wonders cannot be passed off as good guesses and lucky logical deductions. But her gift is not of God, and she demonstrates many evidences of having some communication with the world of evil spirits. The Christian should neither seek the advice of her prophecies nor fear the implications of her predictions.

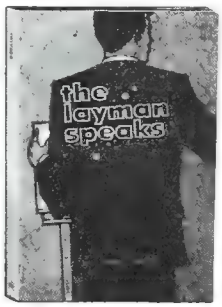
Nonetheless, Mrs. Dixon's prophecies in the religious realm as they deal with the coming world church, the authority and leadership of Rome, a coming new Christianity and a new savior have disturbed many Christians. How do her predictions compare with the prophecies of the Bible in these same areas? We shall deal with the amazing answers to this question in a second article. ▼

(Editor's note: Look for Rev. Ashman's second article, "Purple and Gold: Jeane Dixon's Visions of the Future," in a forthcoming issue of the *Herald*.)

Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN • • • COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

A BOOK OF INTEREST TO LAYMEN—



THE LAYMAN SPEAKS

By Herald M. Doxsee

Here is an excellent book for the layman who has fears about speaking in public. Written in the language of a layman by a layman, it is filled with practical ideas concerning the preparation for speaking, the actual presentation of a message, and the way to have effective communication with an audience.

The book is divided into 13 chapters, and illustrated with drawings that humorously illustrate the subjects under consideration. At the conclusion of each chapter the author asks some pertinent questions that will enable you to evaluate your own speaking to an audience.

Laymen who are active in Sunday school, or those who are occasionally asked to speak at various functions will receive real help from this paperback book. Priced at $1.95; you may order it from the Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. (Postage paid.)

GENERAL FUND GOAL FOR NATIONAL LAYMEN:

$1,000.00

Has your laymen's group contributed toward this goal?

Evangelism Sunday Reports

ELKHART, IND. A special planning committee of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Indiana, used a total of 24 laymen in the morning and evening services on Evangelism Sunday. Men were used in prayer and Scripture reading, favorite verses and testimonies, music, and as offertory ushers. The offering for the Board of Evangelism amounted to $49.04. The committee responsible for planning the program consisted of Glenn Cripe, Paul Zipser, Dick Knapp, Dick Leek, and Stanley Godshalk. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor, and Roger Peugh, associate pastor.

HOPEWELL, PA. Two laymen brought the messages in the Sunday evening service on Laymen's Sunday; their topics were "The Pastor and His Congregation" and "The Responsibility of Members to the Pastor." Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. Rev. Bill Smith, Director of Evangelism, spoke in the morning worship service on Evangelism Sunday at the Community Grace Brethren Church. In the evening, he brought the message at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Laymen took part in the services of the day at the Winona Lake church.

"The Devil's disciples are obviously better salesmen. . . .!"

Let's Market Our Product

By David L. Bowers

(Mr. Bowers is president of the laymen's group at the First Brethren Church, Nappanee, Ind., and secretary of the Ashland group national laymen's fellowship.)

"Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (I Cor. 9:16).

How would you like to have a product everybody needed, with a world market and no competition? This is true of the church of Christ. She has had committed to her the gospel. It is indispensible to the eternal welfare of all men. No other institution has this message, this mandate, or this market.

Think what a business would do in equivalent circumstances; it would make a killing! But what of the church? She, many times, markets and promotes the same programs and products as other organizations. She can become just one of many organizations working for the betterment of society. When we are no longer unique, we compete with others: Red Cross, PTA, United Fund, and so forth.

When we neglect our unique task, we abandon our calling and become another community project involved with temporal affairs. I believe this is our "Modern Christendom."

Thus far the devil's disciples are obviously better salesmen. We must let the Holy Spirit be our sales manager to regain our "forward thrust" and ban our present "Bashful Brand of Christianity."

We should present the challenge of the Cross instead of offering mankind the more pleasant benefits of the Christian faith.

Christian, are *you* spiritually sterile? *Witness!*

Reprint from *The Brethren Evangelist*

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, MAY 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the missionary candidates who are now under appointment, and pray that God may guide in all their preparations so that they may soon be on the way to their respective fields.

PRAY that God may keep His hand upon the lands where our mission works are located, that the Gospel may continue to go forth freely.

PRAY that the national Christians may be strong in their faith and effective in their witness for the Lord.

PRAY for the personnel engaged in writing, translating, producing, and distributing Christian literature on the mission fields.

PRAY for the students and faculties in the Christian schools of our various fields.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continual blessings upon the ministry of the men of the Board of Evangelism.

PRAY for the director, Bill Smith, as he ministers in a number of district conferences.

PRAY continually for the many persons who have responded to the invitation personally to trust in Christ as their Saviour.

PRAISE the Lord for those who are standing with us in the support of this great ministry.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the closing weeks of the school year may be filled with great blessing.

PRAY for the success of the practice teaching program in the college, that those participating may become excellent teachers.

PRAY that the graduating seniors in both college and seminary may complete their work victoriously.

PRAY that the approaching commencement activities may provide a permanent spiritual memory for all.

PRAY for divine blessing upon the plans for development on our campus.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for a good response to the Minute-man appeal being made for Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

PRAY for the Brethren Construction Company crew as they get a new building underway at Columbus, Ohio.

PRAY for the Navajo mission's summer program of evangelism.

PRAY for the sale of a number of property parcels by home-mission churches and the Brethren Home Missions Council.

PRAY for a number of district mission programs being set up now in cooperation with the Brethren Home Missions Council.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for Vacation Bible Schools which will begin in a few weeks.

PRAY that every Sunday school may grow through the summer months.

PRAY for new Sunday schools now beginning in several districts.

PRAY for the visitation program in our Sunday schools.

PRAY that the financial needs of the National Sunday School Board might be supplied.

SMM

PRAY that each SMM will give liberally to the Birthday Offering for higher education of missionary children.

PRAY for the staff as they prepare the program packets to be sent out June 1.

PRAISE the Lord for the many girls reading the Bible through this year and memorizing a whole book of the Bible.

YOUTH

PRAY for continued financial support of the Brethren Youth Council.

PRAY for the office staff who continually serve the Lord.

PRAY for counselors for national youth conference.

PRAY for the 15 district youth committees as they work closely with their youth.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for the fine home-mission offering given by our WMC organization.

PRAY that we may be able to meet the foreign-mission offering goal.

PRAY for the preparation of the WMC national conference program and for each speaker who will serve on the program.

PRAY for the national nominating committee, that each office may be filled by the Lord's choice.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord that the circulation of the *Missionary Herald* has increased to an all-time high of 9,320.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the continued distribution of the April 30 special color edition of the *Missionary Herald.*

PRAY that the Missionary Herald Company will receive timely articles that will bring enlightenment to our readers for times such as these.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the laymen's groups that support in special ways the Board of Evangelism campaigns held by Rev. Bill Smith and Rev. Ron Thompson.

PRAY for all of the plans that are to be made for this year's conference laymen's sessions.

PLAN TO ATTEND!

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MAY 1966



Springtime on Campus

Seated at the Victory Bell

Warsaw Times-Union Photo by Hagg



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Annual Board Meeting Over

Few people throughout the church realize the days board members give without pay to the interests they serve. This is indeed a labor of love. Quite recently the boards of Brethren Foreign Missions, Brethren Home Missions, and Grace Seminary and College gave to each interest a week of their time. In some cases men serve on two boards, and this required two weeks of time. Long hours are required in serving on any board. Often trying situations are encountered. In the case of every board the progress and welfare of the entire denomination are involved, as well as the stewardship of thousands of dollars given by the Lord's people. The administration, faculty, and staff of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College take this occasion to express appreciation for this labor of love.

Federal Aid Is Declined

At a November meeting, the Executive Committee of the board recommended that federal aid for the erection of buildings be declined. This was confirmed by the action of the entire board in session on March 3, 1966. Thousands of colleges are availing themselves of this ready and easy source of aid in the construction of much-needed facilities on their campuses. In view of the inevitable governmental control that accompanies federal grants or loans, it was deemed wise to seek other sources of income for Grace Schools. Federal control over construction could very easily extend over into the area of the academic and spiritual and result in the loss of the very purpose for which the school was brought into existence.

The High Price of Freedom

Freedom is purchased at a high price. This has been true from the beginning of time. The freedom to organize and conduct a school that is Biblically sound, spiritually pure, and academically free comes at a high price. As yet this freedom is extended to any group of people within the boundaries of the United States. But that group of people must expect to pay the price for such a school out of their own pockets. Any resort to the government or to the local community for support will to that extent endanger the freedom the institution enjoys.

It is a sad fact that religious groups have lost sight of the value they incorporated into their institutions, and their giving has dropped so low that at last the government has come to the rescue with the offer of billions including the control. Religious institutions that have not already bartered their freedom for the dollars of local communities are now selling their freedom to the government for the sake of survival. This means that within the near future there will be a complete blackout of Biblical soundness, spiritual purity, and academic enlightenment.

Then Cometh the End

What will the end be for those institutions whose boards had the courage to resist the offer of millions in the face of seeming disaster? That remains to be seen. In the event that the boards and the people whom they represent count the value of the freedom of their institutions and the academic and spiritual ministry they are performing, and are willing to pay the price for survival, these institutions will continue to carry on their ministry for some years.

But in the event that boards and people reject help from the government and also refuse to provide sufficient funds from their own pockets in the face of an accelerating financial economy, these institutions will eventually be forced to close their doors. Schools like this are struggling today against almost insurmountable odds, and the tragic thing is that these are not mere private colleges; they are Christian private institutions.

The Path Before Us Is Clear

Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College is one of these institutions. Now that the choice has been made, it is up to Brethren people to demonstrate that they place a high price on freedom for their institution. This means that all of us must plan to sacrifice early and late and continuously to enable these schools to carry on their current program and to erect the needed buildings for this purpose.

At this late hour we are sending out an appeal for funds to carry on the much-needed program of construction now planned.

There is need for *investment funds* to be channeled through the Brethren Investment Foundation for the completion of the Men's Residence Hall now under construction, and for another such unit.

There is need for *gifts and grants* for the erection of the proposed library. This building is central to the academic operation of the schools. But it is not an income-producing unit like a dormitory or dining facility.

The Press of Time Is Upon Us

Brethren people, in years that are past, have counted the cost of such freedom and have responded with the money that would guarantee that freedom. We are now trusting God that He will stir up His people in this time of need, and funds will be coming in to carry forward His work. ▼

Wanted: Top-Notch Students



By Arnold R. Kriegbaum
Dean of Students—Grace College

A nationally-known Bible conference speaker of another denomination recently made the statement in a Baptist church in California, "Grace College is one of the finest Christian colleges in America today." The Lord must be praised for such a reputation. Grace College is one of the rapidly growing colleges in Indiana, having had a 16 per cent increase in enrollment this year. Present indications point to an enrollment of 425 for next year, and an enrollment of 700 by 1970. As the enrollment increases, the Admissions Committee must become more selective of students in the upper half of their high-school graduating class. What kind of students are wanted?

WANTED: Students with a love for Jesus Christ! In many areas of our nation, secular colleges are within a few miles of any home. Why should a student travel perhaps thousands of miles across the country to attend a college in Indiana? The average student will answer, "Because I desire to attend a Christian college."

What makes a college Christian? There are those who have the idea that a Christian college is a little Utopian center, where all one has to do is ride along with the crowd on "cloud nine" and enjoy the Christian scenery, breathe deep of the heavenly air, and everything will turn out to the glory of God. While the environment at Grace College is conducive to a Christian atmosphere, yet "every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:14). Unless a student truly loves Jesus Christ, he cannot contribute to that which makes a college Christian.

A Christian college may have the finest board of trustees in the world, and the most dedicated president, and a truly Christian faculty, but if the students are not in love with Jesus Christ, all the other advantages are futile. When a student enters a Christian college and does not have within his heart and mind a sincere Christian conviction, he only creates problems for himself, the college and his fellow students. Grace College is complimented when young people apply for admission who love Jesus Christ.

WANTED: Students with a purpose in life! The appalling fact among many high-school graduates today is their lack of purpose or goal in life. Aimlessness characterizes many teen-agers today. Whenever a Christian young person has a love for Christ, he will also have a goal. One cannnot expect every high-school graduate to know exactly what he or she will do ten years after the date of graduation, but certainly the goal of the Christian will be to do the will of God for the glory of God.

Why should any Christian student want a college education? Is the purpose of a college education merely to provide a greater security, a greater income, a better job, or merely to secure the tools with which to reach the top of the ladder of human success? God forbid!

The goal of the Christian young person should be "that in all things he [Christ] might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:18). The Christian young person should desire the education that will best equip him to be a greater servant for Jesus Christ.

The administration and faculty of Grace College accept each student as a gem to be polished for the Lord. Each student is considered as a tool to be sharpened, that each might be employed to the glory and praise of the Lord. Young people who have God's supreme glory as the purpose of their lives should apply for admission to Grace College.

WANTED: Students with an above-average scholastic record. A Christian college is not for the graduate who has barely gotten through high school and who lacks initiative and the will to work. Christian standards should always be as high as, and higher than, those of the world. There is no honor to the Lord Jesus Christ for a Christian young person to graduate from high school in the lower half, or worse still, the lower third of his class, if he or she is capable of doing better.

The Admissions Committee at Grace College is pleased indeed that many of the students applying for admission for next year are in the upper third of their high-school class. This is honoring to the Lord. Top-notch Christian students are not those who cause the problems. The greater percentage of problems are caused by lackadaisical loafers, draft dodgers, those with shallow Chris-

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A Christian Education Director Is

By Norma Stech

Around the early part of the 20th century a new type of Christian worker appeared on the church scene —the director of Christian education. Dr. Harry C. Munro more than thirty years ago described this individual as "a technically trained religious educator employed by the local church to have general charge of the educational aspects of its total program, standing beside the minister as a professional member of the church staff."

(Note: Written by Norma Jeanne Stech, Grace College Senior, for the Christian Education Seminar.)

The position of director of Christian education arose out of a need —a need for someone to assist the pastor and general superintendent because of the increasing importance of the Sunday school and its program.

Dr. Harold C. Mason in his book *Abiding Values in Christian Education* pointed out that the chief reasons for having a director of Christian education are as follows: (1) The high standards in public education demand of the church school better-trained personnel. (2) The call of the world is so demanding of time and interest in this complex age that the church must counteract it with a wholesome, spiritual, well-filled Christian program. (3) The pastor has a need for the help of a specialist in the field of Christian education. (4) The role of Christian education as an agency in evangelism is very important in terms of promotion, curriculum, organization, administration, and instruction, and demands more time and attention than the hard-pressed pastor can give it. (5) The duties of the director in a smaller church may include the duties of the church secretary, the parish visitor, and the leader of music. (6) The employment of a trained pastor and a director provides sufficient professional leadership in education to train and maintain an adequate volunteer staff of workers.

The director of Christian education can help meet today's challenge for more effective Sunday schools and church programs. His chief responsibility is to train others so they will be well-equipped for church leadership.

Important Qualifications

Not everyone can qualify for this position once chiefly held by women, but now being filled by many men as well. Certain educational and personal requirements must be met.

The most important qualification is a conversion experience, coming to know Christ as Saviour and Lord. As an example to the young people and all others in the church, he must exemplify this by a daily walk with the Lord. If he cannot lead others to Christ or does not live a consistent Christian life, he cannot instruct others in these vital areas.

His call to this ministry should be as definite as that of the missionary or the pastor. With this confidence, much can be accomplished for the glory of the Lord.

The director must have humility if he is to meet and work with many people and maintain harmony in the church. Pride and arrogance will lead only to discord.

His love for people, accepting them for what they are, as reflected in his attitudes and actions will help determine their response to his leadership.

As Vernon R. Kraft has put it in *The Director of Christian Education in the Local Church,* "Sometimes our greatest victories are won by being patient and standing still." Patience will be needed when older people in the church resist changes; when several members don't seem to agree on a matter; when trying to help a teacher who does not want any help. Patience is a quality the director needs, or must soon learn, in order to carry out his program.

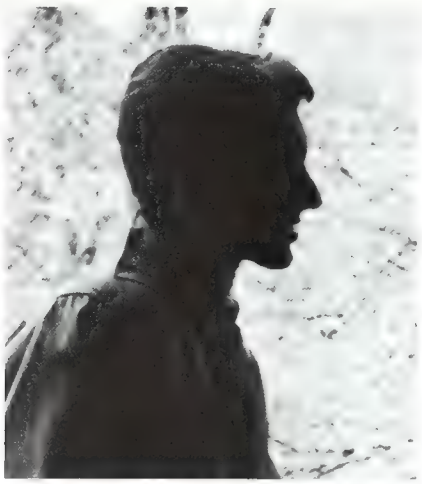
Self-control should be evident at all times. A few harsh or thoughtless words can do much to damage his effectiveness, causing him to lose the respect and confidence of the congregation.

Cooperativeness is essential, with the pastor, superintendent, and volunteer workers in the Sunday school. Since the pastor is actually the head of the local church, he should be consulted to find out his opinions and feelings. The director cannot do his job alone. He is part of a team and therefore must be able to cooperate with others.

He cannot be a clock-watcher, but must be willing to work long hours if necessary. As people seek his help and advice, he may have to forego a little sleep or free time in order to be helpful. But as more and more people turn to him with their problems, this will be a sign of their complete trust and confidence in his leadership and some measure of his success.

The educational qualifications required for this job vary from church to church. Generally, the director should have a college education and

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Profile of a Seminary Student

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

Dean of Grace Theological Seminary

A description of the "typical Grace Seminary student" is as difficult a task as preparing a profile of the "average man." The Lord impresses the conviction of the ministry upon all kinds of men. Every student preparing for the service of Christ brings to that preparation his own particular abilities, skills, and personality yielded to the control of God's Spirit. God has been pleased in the past to use a great variety of servants, and this is still His plan. As we endeavor to carry out the Great Commission and reach all types of men with the gospel, we may expect God to use all types of men for this purpose.

Nevertheless, there are certain characteristics that seem to be present in the lives of all seminary students who are successfully pursuing their objective. From these we may form some conclusions about what kind of students the seminary is training.

Love for God's Word

For a student to make a success of his seminary career, he must have a deep interest in God's Word. He cannot be content with a superficial knowledge of Scripture based only upon popularly held opinions. The seminary assumes that each student will want to learn how to interpret Scripture properly. He will bring to his studies, therefore, the motivation that springs from the recognition that Scripture is the very Word of God, and that it is the most important book in his possession.

Because he has personally accepted the teaching of Scripture, the student wants to analyze its message in great detail, in many instances word for word. He comes to grips with the great problems of interpretation, and employs the tools of Greek and Hebrew exegesis, systematic and Biblical theology, and the evidence from history to aid him in understanding the truth. He wants to be proficient personally in interpreting Scripture so that he is not at the mercy of others who would interpret it for him and would do so wrongly. His love for Scripture is such that he wants to offer no hindrance to the illuminating work of the Spirit in revealing its truth to his understanding.

Deep Commitment

The seminary student is also a person characterized by a genuine commitment of his life to Christ and His service. That commitment may involve a clear recognition that God wants him in the pastoral ministry. Others are equally sure that God has called them to serve in a foreign land. Some have the conviction that their lives are to be invested in the educational program of the church. But in the vast majority of cases in the writer's experience, the students who were successful in school were those who were responding out of a deep commitment to Christ. They had an overriding goal which gave purpose to all they did. Even students who are uncertain as to the precise ministry God has for them can have this firm dedication as they make themselves available for whatever service God may later reveal.

Willingness To Sacrifice

The seminary student is usually called upon to pay a price to reach his goal. This price is not merely in dollars and cents, but it may involve this. To get the most out of seminary training, one must first spend four years in college. This is no arbitrary requirement, but is the recognition that a truly adequate training for the ministry necessitates a broad education in the major areas of knowledge if God's Word is to be applied to all the needs of men.

There must be an emphasis on the spiritual aspects of life rather than the material. By devoting extra years to education, without the hope of commensurate economic returns as would be expected in other professions requiring equal education, the ministerial student must develop a set of values which run counter to those of most Americans.

In addition to long hours of study, most students devote many hours each week to the earning of their livelihood. Yet a willingness to make such sacrifices with a cheerful spirit in order to serve the Lord is one of the characteristics of the Grace Seminary student.

A Dedicated Family

The unsung heroes of the seminary are the wives and families of its students. A not infrequent testimony in the student-faculty prayer meetings is a word of thanks breathed out to God by some grateful student for the wife who works to pay the bills or fills the place of busy homemaker and mother on most limited resources. No one can expect to be successful in the ministry unless his family is also dedicated to this goal and is willing to share the hardships along the way.

It is any wonder the faculty considers it a privilege to teach young people such as these? ▼

Focusing on the College Scene



By Evan Adams

Twentieth-century Christians find themselves living at a time when *knowledge* has become a prime commodity. During the past 25 years we have all witnessed amazing breakthroughs in old and new fields. Information has begun to multiply geometrically. This explosion of experience and information has increased the complexity of life for all men, including Christians. It has brought with it a demand for an advanced level of education for increasing numbers of young people. They must seek an education that prepares them intellectually and spiritually as instruments through whom God can work.

Minds rather than hands now provide the strength for the demands of these new frontiers in knowledge. So the student must love God with all his heart, mind and strength in order to live with his neighbor on a global and cross-cultural scale. To do this in his generation he must secure the best preparation available and purposefully conform to the image of Jesus Christ.

Since much of the evangelical church has its historic roots in Pietism, and still grips life in the calloused hands of its rural heritage, the college has been often an unknown or misunderstood factor in the life of its young people. In this shift from the manual age to the mental epoch the church has at times been slow to understand its responsibility for educating her alert leaders.

What Makes a College?

Buildings and equipment can provide the locale and functional setting. But it is *people* who make a college! We can anticipate more students due to population growth. But the real heart of the college is its faculty. For the Christian college this demands men and women who are dedicated and obedient to God, and qualified in their academic disciplines.

The uniqueness of the Christian college is in its Biblical world-view. This awareness, conviction, and teaching sees all of life and knowledge as sacred from the sure reference point of God himself. Here there is no need to search for Him. He is already known, completely in Jesus Christ. So all studies, probes, searches, and questions find Him as their point of departure and arrival. But the breadth of possible fields of knowledge, their relevance and application to the Christian life, and the many possibilities for the Christian to be useful to God in his generation also demand that there be a variety of Christian colleges.

A Spectrum—Not a Category

Since their inception in the church life of the Middle Ages, the colleges have been purveyors of the knowledge and wisdom of the past, and the probers into all that yet remains unknown about the vast physical universe. In that role they have been retainers of the best of the past, and also the primary agencies of change. When theology was the queen of the sciences the scholar found he had a mandate to explore and subdue all reality. This was because he knew the God who had expressed His nature and character in His creation and His Word (Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:2-3). This is the same basic mandate under which the Christian scholar pursues knowledge today, which field of knowledge becomes truth in the student who knows Jesus Christ, the One who is Truth. With the sure authority of the Scriptures as its foundation the Christian college is continuing the heritage of the freedom to know God and His world.

But the Christian colleges are more than a category. They also provide a *spectrum*. Light passing through this prism is diffused into its varied bands of color, each fulfilling its function as *light*.

Observing the Spectrum

Early in the 20th century the *Bible institutes* arose to refocus study on the Scriptures as the Word of God. Their primary goal was to study the Bible as the life source for the vitality of the church, to provide renewed impetus for the world-wide spread of the gospel through missions agencies, and to bring renewal in personal salvation. In this mid-century a number of these schools retain this distinctive with a three-year undergraduate program for the person who sees his need primarily to study Scripture.

Bible colleges arose as educational and training centers that included a broader curriculum, with the Scripture as the basis for study. These became degree-granting schools. Some of the historic institutes have recently been in the process of shift to this Bible college point in the spectrum. Each student continues to major in Bible while also studying surveys in such courses as history, social sciences, natural sciences, humanities, and languages. Emphasis is placed on training courses in Christian education, music, and evangelism to prepare for leadership in the church and mission field. Thus the graduate is better prepared to present the gospel to the people in a rapidly changing world.

Another band on the spectrum brings us to the *Christian liberal arts colleges*. Four years of study with a degree on a baccalaureate level sends

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CAMPUS NEWS . . .

Grace College

1966

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

COACH—Glen M. "Chet" Kammerer

March

29—Fort Wayne Bible College HERE
Double Header, 1:30 p.m.
31—Manchester College HERE
Single Game, 3:00 p.m.

April

13—Bethel College HERE
Single Game, 2:30 p.m.
16—Fort Wayne Bible College There
Double Header, 1:30 p.m.
20—Huntington College HERE
Double Header, 1:30 p.m.
23—Indiana Tech There
Double Header, 1:30 p.m.
26—Concordia College HERE
Single Game, 3:00 p.m.
30—Tri-State College HERE
Double Header, 1:00 p.m.

May

3—Indiana Tech HERE
Single Game, 3:00 p.m.
7—Huntington College There
Double Header, 1:00 p.m.
10—Concordia College There
Single Game, 2:30 p.m.
13—Tri-State College There
Single Game, 2:30 p.m.
18—Defiance College HERE
Double Header, 2:00 p.m.
24—Goshen College HERE
Double Header, 2:00 p.m.

GOLF

COACH—Don Garlock

April

13—Open
20—Huntington College, 1:30 p.m.
HERE
22—Concordia College, 1:30 p.m.
HERE
28—Indiana Tech There
30—Tri-State, 10:00 a.m. HERE

May

9—Tri-State College There
10—Concordia College There
14—M.C.C. Match There
(Elks course in Fort Wayne)
17—Huntington College There
21—Open
24—Goshen College There
All home golf matches will be played at the Rozella Ford Municipal Golf Course in Warsaw, Indiana.

TRACK

COACH—Lloyd Woolman

March

26—Fort Wayne Bible College,
Bethel College—Double Dual HERE
30—Tri-State HERE

April

12—Open
15—Ferris State College HERE
16—Concordia College HERE
23—Mac Murray College Invitational
(11 colleges represented) ...There
30—Spring Arbor College There

May

6—Wabash College There
7—Manchester College There
14—M.C.C. at Columbia City ..There
All home meets begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Lloyd Woolman

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A Time To Build

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

There is a "time to build" (Eccles. 3:3), declared the sacred writer of long ago. For Grace College and Seminary, surely that time has come. We are on the verge of the greatest student expansion in the history of the school.

Over the past 15 years six buildings have been erected on the present campus totaling almost $2,000,000. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12). But these very buildings are now crowded beyond the capacity to function efficiently. This can be interpreted in but one way: namely, the responsibility to "rise up and build" (Neh. 2:18).

Focusing . . .

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the student from these schools with preparation for Christian leadership in many areas of life. Major fields of study include social sciences, physical sciences, history, languages, fine arts, and philosophy, with all students required to take courses in Bible as preparation for Christian leadership. The uniqueness of these colleges is in their Christian world-view, from which all areas of study are approached and to which they are applied. The graduate is then prepared to enter the graduate theological seminary, pursue graduate work in the state university, or enter his professional field. Through this educational process he becomes a person who can be adequate to his generation, maturing as a Christian, and forming into the image of Jesus Christ.

Grace College is one of these colleges, developing men and women whom God can deploy, and to whom all knowledge is related to Truth. ▼



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A Christian . . .

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two years of work in a seminary, majoring in Christian education. It is also suggested by Vernon R. Kraft that the director go to a Christian school because it affords him a more purposeful and positive emphasis upon moral and ethical principles; it gives Christian atmosphere which is conducive to moral living; it establishes stronger motivations in that it teaches positive Christian principles; it builds him in spiritual life and inspires him through its curriculum, chapel, and other religious activities to grow toward spiritual maturity.

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Finding a director who possesses all these qualities may be hard or practically impossible. However, these are the qualities to be desired and the things for which a director should strive. ▼

Wanted . . .

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tian convictions and low intellectual curiosity.

A few parents have the wrong concept of a Christian college. Some parents have not been able to control their child for 16 years, and they conclude that what they cannot do, a Christian college can. The Christian college is not a reformatory. Rather, it is a repository where godly parents can send their fine Christian children, confident that they will be grounded in the faith and that they will receive an education that will equip them to serve the Lord.

WANTED: Top-notch students for Grace College who genuinely love Jesus Christ; who have a purpose in life; and who have a commendable high-school record. ▼

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GRACE COLLEGE

FIRST TERM—June 6 - July 15

Number	Course	Hours	Instructor
	7:30 - 9:00 A.M.		
Sc141	Physical Science Survey I	3	Humberd
En101	English Composition I	3	Garlock
Hi201	History of the United States I	3	R. Henry
Ps 302	Educational Psychology	3	C. Henry
Bi350	Book of Revelation	2	N. Uphouse
	9:15 - 10:45 A.M.		
Ed311	Methods in Arithmetic	3-2	Humberd
Hi101	General World History I	3	Snider
Po301	Introduction to American Government	3	R. Henry
A301	Handcraft	2	M. Uphouse
Ed400	Research in Education	3	N. Uphouse
	10:50 - 12:20 A.M.		
So302	Sociology	3	C. Henry
Sp200	Principles of Speech	4	Garlock
Hi331 or	Europe in Twentieth Century I	3	Snider
432	Russian Revolution and Soviet Regime	3	Snider
A302	Art Education	3	M. Uphouse

SECOND TERM—July 18 - August 12

Number	Course	Hours	Instructor
	7:30 - 9:45 A.M.		
Sc142	Physical Science Survey II	3	Humberd
En102	English Composition II	3	Garlock
Hi202	History of the United States II	3	R. Henry
Hi332	Europe in Twentieth Century II	3	Snider
Ps400	Guidance and Counseling	2	N. Uphouse
	10:00 - 12:15 A.M.		
Sp210	Advanced Principles of Speech	2	Garlock
Sc221	Physical Geography	3	Humberd
Ed351	Philosophy of Education	3	N. Uphouse
Hi102	General World History II	3	Snider

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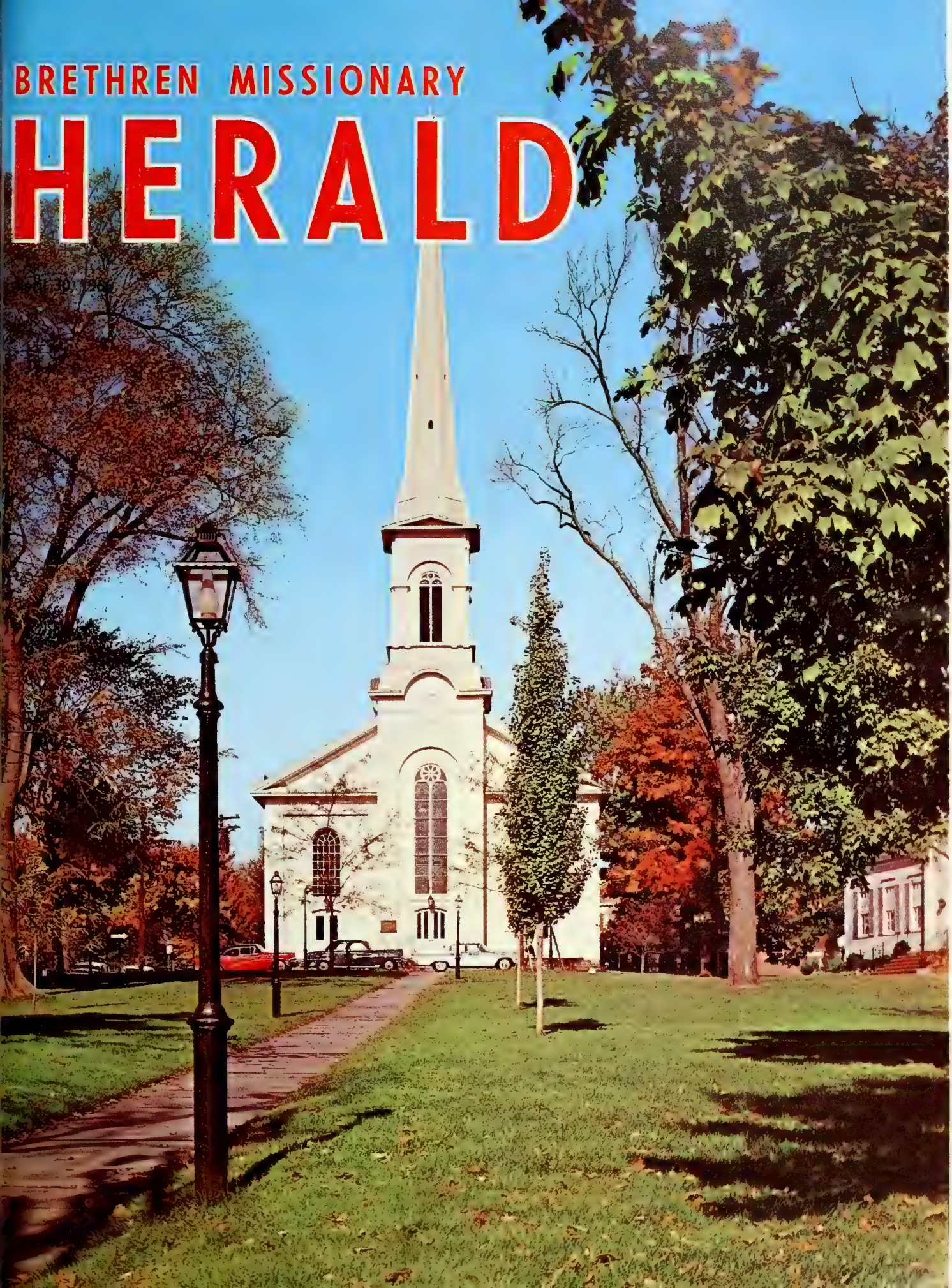
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Dr. Jesse Humberd, Ph.D.

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HERALD



Many participants are affected in unique ways by the living-color TV program in Wichita—but here's a behind-the-scenes story that shows the most important thing of all about

TEENA RAMA

The August sky was completely clear, except for a blazing sun, and the hot south wind was blowing, as it nearly always is in Wichita, Kansas. The summer was almost gone for Sue Case, and her senior year at North High was to begin in a couple of weeks. She thought about all her friends who would be seniors along with her . . . Linda, Kay, Cynthia. It was going to be a real blast.

At that moment four hundred miles away, Linda Frederick was at least twenty degrees cooler 9,000 feet up in the beautiful Colorado Rockies at the YFC summer camp. She sat along with 215 other teens from midwestern states in the rustic chapel, listening to Fresno (California) YFC Director Bufe Karraker talk about something called "teen-to-teen." YFC seemed to be talking about it a lot recently . . . one teen sharing with another his personal encounter with Christ's dynamic, life-changing power.

"Why not pick a 'target teen' to work on and bring to Christ before Thanksgiving?" Bufe asked.

God spoke to Linda's heart. Then and there she bowed her head and asked God for the name of a teen-age friend whom she could win.

Linda was deadly serious. This was her final year at North High. She knew it was her last chance to really affect some of her school friends for Christ. There were so many with whom she really wanted to share her faith in Christ. As she prayed, the name of a very close friend came into focus . . . Sue Case.

Sue and Linda had known each other since junior-high days. It seemed that half of their classes had been together. Both were first sopranos in the school chorale and other musical groups, and were together most of the time. In fact, as Linda thought about their close friendship, she wondered why she had never spoken to Sue about Christ. They were so close, and yet, she'd never said a word about Someone who meant a great deal to her.

As Bufe drove home the challenge of teen-to-teen, Linda bowed her head and prayed for Sue. It was the first of many similar prayers during that school year.

Back in Wichita two weeks later, the school term began, and Linda looked for opportunities to talk to Sue. "Why not invite her to a YFC rally?" Linda thought to herself. "Seems as good a way as any to get some common ground for discussion on vital faith for a teen-ager." Linda picked her rally carefully. She thought of Sue's love for music and fast-moving action. As the rally approached, she gave Sue a buzz. Linda was really excited as she thought, "This is just the rally to get Sue to attend."

Linda's heart sank as she put the phone down. Sue couldn't go—she had other plans. And the rally seemed just perfect, Linda thought dejectedly. Again, she talked to the Lord about Sue.

Moments later, the phone rang. "Hi, Linda? Sue again—is the invitation still open? I'm free to go after all." Linda took a big gulp of air and breathed a quick "thank you" heavenward.

That night's YFC program was an "Egghead Rally." There was an un-



Landrum Photo

usual panel discussion by teens on the subject "Is Christianity anti-intellectual?" Sue was impressed with a Moody Science film entitled *Time and Eternity,* which pointed out some rather striking observations about time and its relation to human beings. *Teenarama's* singing group, the Teenaires, also performed. Linda had been right—it was just the right rally for Sue.

As Linda and Sue drove home that night after the rally, the first opportunity came. Sue had been particularly impressed by some of the kids she had met, some of the gang in the singing group. "They certainly seem to have something a lot of other teens don't," she commented. For the first time, Linda talked to her "target" about vital Christian faith. It was only a start—but Linda felt it was a good start. Time would tell.

Sue began attending other YFC functions with Linda, meeting and getting to know the kids. Sue was particularly interested in YFC's weekly program Teenarama. When the director asked Sue to help emcee the program, her answer was an immediate "Yes!" It was the perfect job for her personality and talents.

But for Linda, time was running

out. Thanksgiving—the target date set at camp—was rapidly approaching. Sue was definitely interested in Christ but she had not taken that vital step. Linda increased her prayer time and asked some of the other kids to pray, too.

On the way home from the YFC rally just before Thanksgiving, Sue admitted for the first time her own emptiness, the lack of purpose and direction in her life. Sure, her life was fun . . . in fact, it was one big party. But she lacked a vital faith. She told Linda she had made a decision for Christ at a church camp when she was 13 but nothing vital or real had happened. One thing was obvious—Christ wasn't *involved* in her life the way He was in Linda's and the other kids'.

It was hard to talk seriously even though they were sitting next to each other. The station wagon was jammed with kids and it took some effort to chat over the bedlam.

Since Sue and Linda were to meet with several fellows on Sunday afternoon to go over a *Teenarama* format, Linda suggested that Sue drop over earlier when they could really discuss Sue's need. The next day right after dinner, Sue was there.

That afternoon—with Thanksgiving only four days away—Linda opened her Bible and told Sue how she could have a real and vital experience with Christ. For the first time, Sue really found some answers. Her faith took on a vibrancy that was obvious to everyone who met her. It was the beginning of a chain reaction that touched the lives of a number of North High students.

Quickly, she learned the basics from Linda—how to pray intelligently, how to get something meaningful out of the Bible and, most of all, how to communicate her faith in Christ to some of her school friends. She was growing rapidly in her new life. . . .

On December 18, Sue and her date were returning from a basketball game between North and Campus High. As they drove along the Wichita street at a normal speed, suddenly it happened. Without warning, another car swung out from a side street, swerved across the median and slammed into their car—head on. Sue didn't have enough warning even to brace herself; in fact, she never even remembered seeing the other car. The jarring impact threw her date forward with such force that he snapped the steering wheel completely off. But for Sue, there was no wheel to absorb the shock and she was thrown partially through the windshield. The result—a basal skull fracture, a severe brain concussion, many broken bones and bruises.

She was rushed to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition. As doctors fought to save her life, YFC Director Jim Smith and Linda spent a sleepless night in the emergency waiting room. Linda pondered the events that led up to that night and couldn't help but ask, "Why?" The physicians gave very little encouragement. "If she lives," they stated, "she will be in intensive care for two weeks. Only after that can the amount of damage be determined. If she lives, it's very possible she will be only a vegetable."

Did God give spiritual life to Sue only to take her physical life away? Hard questions . . . and elusive answers. Again, Linda prayed.

The following night at the YFC rally, the entire audience took time out to pray for Sue. On Sunday, just a day and a half after the crash, Sue was taken off the critical list and placed in a private room. The doctors were dumbfounded at what seemed to be nothing short of a miracle. The crisis was over . . . she would live. But it would take a lot of courage; the road back would be a hard one. Sue had lost her ability to focus her eyes, both legs were broken, she had a basal concussion. Plastic surgery would be needed. School would be forgotten for months while she recovered.

There in the hospital, Sue began to share with some of her friends her faith in Christ and how He was helping her through the tragedy. The way in which she passed this gigantic test had a profound influence on some of her friends. The first one was another senior at North High School named Kay. She carefully observed Sue's radiant faith, her courage and determination. She knew Sue possessed something that she didn't. Shortly after Sue left the hospital, Kay came over one evening. She began telling Sue some of her own spiritual problems and was anxious to find what Sue had found.

Opening her Bible, Sue showed Kay some of the verses she had learned which had changed her life. That evening, Kay began her experience of vital, personal faith in Christ. Sue had led her first friend to Christ.

Several months later, Kay shared her new life in a speech entitled "My heart—Christ's home" before her friends, among whom was her own sister, Karla. Later that year, she delivered the commencement address for her student body. Several weeks later at another YFC rally, Karla came to know Christ, too, as a direct result of the change in her sister's life.

Still another senior named Cynthia was a very good friend of Sue's. Through the accident, Cynthia met Linda and the three became close friends. Together, Sue and Linda took Cynthia as a "target teen" and began to pray.

The results almost seemed inevitable. During the next weeks, Cynthia found the same vital faith that had made such a difference in her friends' lives. As the chain reaction continued, and as Cynthia began to grow in her new-found faith, she began to be concerned for her cousin, Becky. At another YFC rally, Cynthia saw her "target teen" accept Christ.

Over a year has now passed since the first results of Linda's prayers became evident. The results continue. Now, Sue has completely recovered and is in her first year of nurse's training. During the fall term she invited two of her classmates to attend a premiere showing of Billy Graham's *The Restless Ones*. She had been praying for these two gals, and she nearly flipped when both of them came to know Christ!

Where will it end? Who knows? But it all started in the heart and life of one girl at a YFC camp who dared to make teen-to-teen a reality in her life. ▼

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NO NEED FOR FEAR

Fear, anxiety, lack of assurance are plaguing the average American family as never before. We are afraid of the possibility or final outcome of illness, old age, financial problems, domestic problems, wars, unemployment and death. We are resorting more and more to the use of sleeping pills, tranquilizers, alcohol, drugs. We need deliverance from fears and their resulting tensions.

The best answer to our need is found in a simple, child-like faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Several observations from the Bible should be made.

First, God's love for us is absolutely certain. We need this assurance as never before. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [atoning sacrifice] for our sins" (I John 4:10). God is love, but He is *holy* love. With Him, there is a natural law demanding that sin be paid for, either by the sinner or by a provided substitute. God revealed infinite love toward the human race in providing that substitute.

Second, God laid the ground for our salvation and peace in Christ's vicarious death and resurrection. "He [Christ] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). What peace there is in the knowledge that one's "offenses" were fully paid for by the Christ of the Cross over nineteen hundred years ago!

And the validity of the payment is found in Christ's resurrection on the third day. He was "raised for our justification." It was the Father's "Amen" to the Son's "It is finished!"

Third, God is now at peace with all who accept Christ and His substitutionary work. God "hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 5:18). Christ "made peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20). There is no satisfaction in all the world comparable to the assurance that one is at peace with and accepted by God. In view of this, Paul, the Apostle, had absolute confidence even as he faced death that God was on his side and asked boldly, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Furthermore, the Bible declares that the believer is now "in Christ" positionally. He is declared righteous on the basis of Christ's vicarious work. "In Christ," the believer has the righteousness of God's Son imputed to him. "In Christ," he is acquitted of sin because Christ's holiness is placed to his credit. "In Christ," he has a new standing, a new walk, a new motivating power, a new outlook, a new life.

This glorious fact gives new assurance and confidence. It enables one to live day by day in victory over fears and worries and anxieties. As one who loves the Lord for His grace and salvation, the believer knows that all things are working together for good (Rom. 8:28). He may not always understand, or readily accept God's dealing with him, but still down deep he is confident that God is working out an all-wise and perfect plan. If there are reverses to be encountered, the believer has confidence that even these, in some strange way, are being used for a final good.

God's answer to a broken-hearted, tense world is His love and grace and provision through His crucified and risen Son.—*Rev. M. L. (Lee) Myers, Pastor, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.*



Hines

The Hines family: David, 12, alongside Mr. Hines. Mrs. Hines, the former Lucia Evangelista, holding Russell Ray, 3, Andrew, 10, with Goliath, the Great Dane, and John, 9.

Jerome Hines was born in Hollywood in November, 1921. At 16 years of age he entered UCLA as a chemistry major, during which time he was also studying to be an opera singer. By the time he received his B.A. degree in 1943, he had already appeared with the San Francisco Opera and the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the Hollywood Bowl. In the fall of 1946 he debuted with the Metropolitan Opera, where he has since performed all the major bass repertoire in four different languages for 16 years. He has also appeared in most of the major opera houses of the world, including the Bolshoi in Moscow, where he sang "Boris Godunov" before Premier Khrushchev during the Cuban crisis of 1962. He sang for four presidents—four times for Kennedy while in office. Scenes from *I Am the Way,* his own operatic composition, were performed on The Voice of Firestone television program, on which he has made frequent appearances. He has appeared many times on TV with Ed Sullivan and Steve Allen. Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Hines is a devoted father of four boys and is married to the talented soprano Lucia Evangelista, who shares with him in his Christian service in *I Am the Way* and various other projects.

WORDS FROM THE GREATS

A Burning in My Soul

By Jerome Hines

It is a privilege and an honor to be able to give my testimony of my Saviour, Jesus Christ. And, it is a joy to be able to give testimony of a living God who hears prayer, who answers prayer, and who guides the hearts of all men who will receive His Holy Spirit. I also want to testify of the wonderful changes He has wrought in me since He first spoke to me and offered me salvation from my sins.

I wandered about for 30 years with an inner fire burning in my soul, an inner fire that relentlessly drove me here and drove me there. What was this fire? Some men call it ambition; in some, it is a sense of unfulfilled destiny. Other men can find no name for it. But something was missing in my life. What was it?

First I sought the answer in science. I spent six years getting degrees in chemistry and mathematics. I studied psychology, psychiatry, philosophy and many other subjects. None of them gave the answer or satisfied that internal life. For what was I looking? I became a successful opera singer, joined the Metropolitan Opera, and sang in concerts and on television.

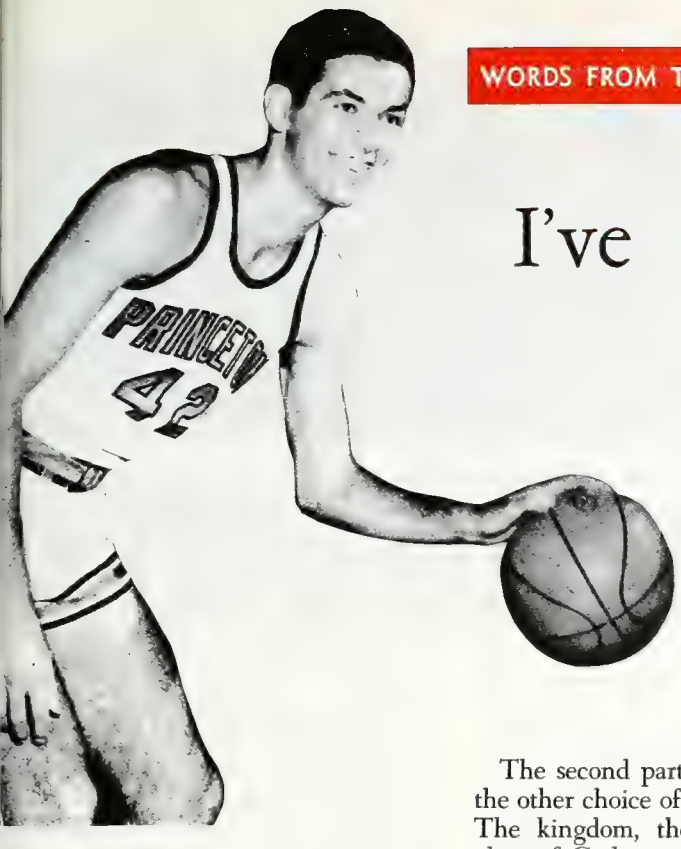
Still, no satisfaction to a restless soul.

Then, one day, I found Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and I discovered it was He that I had been seeking all my life. How wonderful to find that burning fire quieted within me, to find my life complete.

I have now become a servant of the Lord. I am His tool to use as He sees fit, and I try to live according to His will. In the few years that I have been His, He has led me only into truth, and I praise His name, for He is making me into the man He wants me to be—the man I am not.

Several years ago, when I first began my vocal ministry with the Lord, I was much moved by the beautiful singing of a man whose voice I heard on a recording. It was in a little Good Will Center of the Salvation Army in London. Soon after, I was in the Bowery Corps of the Salvation Army in New York City, singing a song which I later discovered he had written, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Maybe that is why I like it so much and love the message. It is George Beverly Shea's testimony in song. I feel a certain kinship to him, as he too is a bass-baritone. I went into a professional career and did some of the things that he could have done, had he been chosen. I became an opera singer, as you know, and went into the Metropolitan Opera. I know a man like Beverly Shea, with his beautiful voice, could have done the same thing

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WORDS FROM THE GREATS

I've Made My Choice

By Bill Bradley

A personal testimony by the college basketball player of the year in 1965, Rhodes Scholar, and winner of the Sullivan Award as U.S. amateur athlete of the year.

I would like to tell you about my personal faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and about a choice each of us has to make.

One of my favorite poems reads like this:

Show me the way not to fortune and fame,
Not how to win laurels and praise for my name;
But show me the way to know the great story
That Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory.

These words express so clearly the choice each of us must make in life. Shall we follow the way of the world—the way of fortune, fame, and praise for my name—or follow the glory and the way of God revealed through Jesus Christ?

If the goal of the athlete is reputation or fame, look at any athlete who is placed in a position of adulation. How long does he last on this feeble footing? A person may be the "player of the year," the "coach of the year," the "lawyer of the year," or president of the largest corporation in the United States, but the important thing is how he reached this position. To whom does he give the credit? What is he doing with the power of his position?

The second part of this poem and the other choice offers so much more. The kingdom, the power, and the glory of God as a way of life can be likened to a pyramid. At the top God is pulling us to Him by magnetic power, accepting all of our burdens, troubles, and guilt, if we let Him, and empowering us to do things we never believed possible. His Son, Jesus, came into this world to lead us into this way of life. If we choose to follow in this way, it will become a challenging life, exciting, and satisfying—a battlefield to a certain extent. For example, suppose you are on the bus, or in the locker room discussing plans for the weekend with a group of your buddies. They suggest doing something that is wrong in your thinking, and you say so. They ask you, "Why?" You say, "Because I don't think that Jesus Christ would want me to do that." This takes conviction and courage, but so does anything really worth while.

It's a remarkable thing how relevant, how real and vital Jesus Christ is today. He is right here in my room, in your room. We cannot see Him, but He lives. And blessed is he that believes without seeing Christ. It's not easy to become a Christian, however. So many want to become a Christian on their own terms. They may say: "I want Him to come into my life, and He can occupy all the rooms but one; I want the study for myself." Or some will give up becoming a follower of Christ because it is hard, and they won't be convinced until God shows them through a "bolt of lightning" or "burning bush" that He is real. That was my problem when I was searching for Jesus Christ.

I first met Christ at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes conference after my junior year in high school. I met Him through the talks of James Jeffrey, Don McClanen, and others, and through the huddle group leader, Francis Tarkenton. I was moved that these men would share such personal experiences and I went away saying, "I want to believe. I am going to wait for that one big thing, however, which will show me God is real." I thought I had to have a vision of some kind before I could believe.

This went on for a year and a half. During this time I guess I thought I was pretty good. But though I appeared confident, I was worried that I hadn't had that big experience. It just hadn't come! Then I enrolled in Princeton University. I had broken my foot and this year I didn't think I was going to play basketball very well. I was worried about my studies, and it was the first time that I had been away from home for any length of time.

After Christmas vacation at the university, I took an examination in French. It was an oral exam and I did miserably. I walked back to my room and flopped on the bed. I didn't know where to turn. I thought I'd

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OUR GLORIOUS DISASTER

By Mrs. Richard Clark

The beautiful, hot Palm Sunday of April 11, 1965, became a terrible disaster for some but a glorious day for us in spite of tragedy. In a big, old, two-story farm house, time on earth was destined to stop for four. My family consisted of Dick, 26; Richard, 6; Merril (Petey), 3; and myself, 23. Also with us were our very dear friends and fellow horse lovers, Mary and Lester Browning and their five-year-old Sheryl. They had left their two older boys, Robert (age 8) and Timothy (age 6) with Lester's parents.

We had gone for a drive as we often did when they visited with us. This drive took us over to Koontz Lake to look at some horses and to "talk horses." Someone had said something about it looking as if it was going to rain, so we decided to start home. Our men kept thinking they wanted to go somewhere else, but as we know now, our son and their daughter had a date with the Lord!

We arrived home at 5:45. Mary and I took the children inside because of the rain. Dick and Les were trying to fix a door on the building we used for a garage. They finally gave up and went to the barn to feed the horses. Meanwhile I had put on coffee and was cutting some cake, when Mary told me that a car was coming up our lane. I went outdoors to meet the five who stepped out of the car. They were all members of the Stevens family. We introduced ourselves and headed for the barn since it was still raining. (Mr. Stevens had been here the week before to get registration papers on his German shepherd dog.) Unknown to them or us at this time was the fact that four would die within the next few minutes.

We went to the house and sat down to talk in the living room. Then, suddenly a strange stillness occurred, followed by strong wind. I went to shut the doors. (I learned later that this is the wrong thing to do.) For some reason I glanced up at the front porch door and there between the barn and the other building was a black cloud full of debris on the west of us. The wind was terrific by now and the glass windows on the porch started to crack. I stepped inside and shut the inside door and backed into the dining room where I exclaimed, "It's going to hit us!" I don't believe the word "tornado" was used. I think we all sensed it. Then it started to take the barn doors and shingles. Someone said, "It's taking the chicken coop roof." Dick said, "Get to the basement." Les answered, "It's too late, the roof is going." Mary had been in the kitchen and heard us, so she opened the basement door. She thought there wouldn't be any scramble to get the door open. Our German shepherd dog, Snoopy, who is part of the family, is usually lying at the top of the stairs. She was nowhere to be seen for she had gone to the basement, as we later learned. Could she possibly have known something was going to happen? Our cats also hid, though they usually make up to people. It must be true that animals have an extra sense.

It took only seconds for all of this to happen. Everything was running through my mind at once. I tried to grab my youngest son, Petey, who was close to me. As I reached out for him I looked to see where Dick and Ricky were. Already plaster was starting to fall. I looked back to get Petey as the floor started to shake out from under us. I fell off to one side of my son but knew I must crawl to him to protect him. I got hold of him as the walls were falling and pulled him under me. I ended up with my head in the small of his back as the walls came crushing onto us. One layer upon another crushed me more heavily upon him. I screamed from the pressure but my son was silent.

After the debris stopped I felt him gasp his last breath and tried to raise myself off him to enable him to breathe again. It was no use. I reached up and pulled plaster away from his face, shook him and called his name. I received no answer and so got hold of his little hand and noticed that it was already turning cold. I finally realized that he was dead. The thought crossed my mind that I, too, was going to die. Then God must have spoken to me for I prayed as I never prayed before.

As I prayed I heard Mary say, "Lay still, Ricky." That was the first glimmer of hope that others were alive. Then Dick and Lester spoke. Rick said he was okay and that he could get out. Dick told him to be careful, but if he could get out, to run for help!

I called to Dick but he couldn't hear me. He had a floor-to-ceiling kitchen cabinet on him, so I called to Lester. I told him, "Petey is dead and I'm being crushed. Get me out." He said, "I can't, I've got the kitchen sink on top of me." At that time Mrs. Stevens started to scream, "Dad's dead and I think my husband is dead." One of her sons was close to me and I heard him cry out, "Oh no" very quietly. Then the other boy started to scream, "Get this stuff off of me." Mrs. Stevens was then going to crawl out over a floor which was standing up like a wall. Lester and Dick told her to sit down or she would would have it on the rest of us. At that she finally sat down.

This article was written by Mrs. Richard Clark shortly after the April 11, 1965, tornado which destroyed the County Line Brethren Church near Lakeville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark lost a son in this disaster. Mrs. Clark became a Christian the following Lord's Day and became a member of the church.

Dick and Lester were able to free themselves. Dick crawled out through a hole which was not much larger than his head. Lester received huge splinters all over his back as he crawled out. Both had badly bruised ribs for weeks afterwards.

Dick tried to get Mary out while Les was trying to get out. Mary, six months pregnant, was pinned between the stove and the refrigerator. Fortunately the stove was held away from her by the kitchen table. She asked Lester where Sherri was and Lester told her that he couldn't see her. Mary said then that Sherri was dead.

I heard a car coming and a car door slam as Dick said that Rick had brought help. Friends and neighbors came from all around to help. They got Mrs. Stevens and Mary out and then the boys. They found Sherri just before they released Petey and me. Mary said she saw them cover her up and carry her out. Sherri had been lying between Dick and Lester under debris.

I had stopped talking long ago because it was so hard for me to talk and I seemed to be so exhausted. I could not move my arms from the elbows down and I kept trying to move my feet because they were so numb. I thought at that time that my back was broken. My hips and head held the weight of those walls, which kept the weight off my chest and allowed me to breathe.

I can't begin to tell people about the crushing feeling that pressure gave me. Only someone who has experienced something similar can know the awful crushed feeling I underwent. The walls seemed to fall slowly as if a Hand was letting them down easily. I believe very strongly that God's hands did just that. I never could stand to be pinned down or to be in a small place, but in God's way He helped me overcome this. I was pinned there for about ninety minutes but it didn't seem that long with God beside my son and me.

I could hear men's voices above me for they were walking on the wall which held me as a prisoner. I screamed for them to get off but they couldn't hear me. I didn't think they knew where I was, so I found a piece of lath and tried to get it up through the debris to let them know I was under them. I could only get it to go side-ways and someone found it and, much to my dismay, pushed it back into my hand. When I pushed it out again they took it from me. They raised a wall, which started to bring the feeling back into my legs. Then they let it down again. I believe that I screamed because of the relief I felt, only to be crushed again. I heard a saw at my head and plaster began to fall. I closed my eyes and held my breath.

When the plaster seemed to stop falling I was able to open my eyes to see daylight again. The first face I saw was Lester's; I did not recognize any of the other faces. I was never so glad to see anyone in my life! I reached out my arm to him, but I couldn't get up for I had been numb so long.

As they lifted me up I reached back and told Lester to take care of Petey for he was dead. Dick was there when they found Sherri so it was right, we felt, that Lester found Petey.

Our neighbor, Mrs. Lester Kuhn, whom I had never met, took Mary, Rick, Petey and me to the hospital. They had Petey wrapped in a blanket and another neighbor was holding him.

I'm grateful to the Lord that no one else was hurt other than bumps and bruises. He was more than wonderful to me! I only received bruises, neuritis of the left leg and an injured pelvis. It may sound like a lot, but the doctors said it would take six months for me to heal. They said I couldn't ride horses again until fall. I, however, was riding horses again the last of June. My pelvis had miraculously healed that quickly. Mary and Lester have a new little baby girl to take the place of Sherri and I can still have other children.

In Psalm 115:14 the Lord says, "The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children."

He took Petey for a very good reason. We know that now. We weren't as close to God as we should have been and Petey wasn't ours to really keep. He belonged to God who sent him to us to warm our hearts for a short time. Of course we are crying inside, but it is for ourselves. It can't be for Petey, he has more than the richest people on this earth! If we could realize our children are only loaned to us by God, we wouldn't feel so hurt when something happens to them.

So you see, we have more than ever, now, because of our glorious disaster! ▼

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A Burning in . . .

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very easily. He chose instead to give his voice entirely to God.

I found God rather late, but hereafter I am determined to use my voice for His glory wherever and whenever I can. ▼

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The Biblical doctrine of the creation of Adam and Eve has almost completely faded from the intellectual horizon of modern man. A century ago Charles Darwin popularized the idea that men and apes have descended from common ancestors, and this view now prevails in all institutions of higher learning where advanced degrees in the sciences are granted.

To be sure, Adam is sometimes mentioned in scientific publications, as may be seen in the titles of two recent books, *In Search of Adam* and *The Death of Adam*. But the underlying assumption in all such writings is that the Biblical Adam is simply a myth, produced by the fertile imaginations of Hebrews who lived in a pre-scientific age.

Evangelical Christians who find themselves continually exposed to such evolutionary viewpoints need to ponder carefully the Biblical emphasis on the historicity of Adam. Events connected with the life of Adam and Eve are referred to in Genesis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; I Chronicles 1; Job 31; Ecclesiastes 3, 7; Luke 3; Romans 5; I Corinthians 11, 15; II Corinthians 11; I Timothy 2; and Jude. Therefore it is not too much to say that the removal of Adam from the realm of actual history destroys the validity and trustworthiness of the entire Bible!

The Lord Jesus Christ said concerning the human author of the Book of Genesis: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:46-47). The apostle Paul wrote: "For as in *Adam* all die, even so in *Christ* shall all be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22). If universal death through Adam is a myth, then so is the doctrine of the resurrection. The historicity of Adam is a pivotal doctrine of Scripture.

Nonetheless, some professing Christians who have been deeply influenced by uniformitarian and evolutionary teaching adhere to what has come to be called "theistic evolution." They seek to interpret the Genesis account of man's origin in terms of the uniformity principle of gradual processes within the chronological framework of the evolutionary timetable of earth history. In other words, theistic evolutionists, generally speaking, believe that God directed evolutionary processes in the animal kingdom through vast ages of time. Finally, between one and five million years ago, they say, He breathed His spiritual image into a male and a female ape-like animal. Since that time further evolutionary processes are said to account for the present differences between men and various types of apes.

In order to give this view some degree of Biblical respectability, some theistic evolutionists have suggested that Genesis 2:7 ("And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul") can be interpreted to mean that "the dust of the ground" from which God formed Adam was *living* "dust" and is thus symbolic of the animal kingdom. We are told also that Adam's creation simply involved the impartation of a *spiritual* nature to a sub-human creature, for the Bible says that "man became a living *soul*."

Going even beyond this, a prominent evangelical scholar has recently insisted that such expressions as "God formed" and "God breathed" in Genesis 2:7 are anthropomorphisms that cannot be taken literally lest we attribute bodily parts (hands and lungs) to God. Thus, the entire passage is to be interpreted "theologically" rather than scientifically or empirically, for it was never intended by God to give us an actual picture of how man came into existence.

He warns us against reading into this passage our preconceived notions of how God must have created man lest we make God out to be a sort of magician using sleight-of-hand methods and thus bring Scripture into unnecessary conflict with the assured results of biological and anthropological science.

Of course, if these views are valid, then Genesis 2:7 doesn't really tell us anything about man's physical origin, except that God must have somehow directed the evolutionary processes that ultimately led to the formation of the animal body into which God "breathed" the first human "soul."

But the science of Biblical hermeneutics (interpretation) does not permit Genesis 2:7 to be handled in this way! One of the basic laws of this time-honored and God-honored science is the *law of context*. According to this law, each passage of the Bible must be understood in the light of the passages that precede and follow it and ultimately in the light of the entire Bible. Otherwise, a passage could be twisted out of context

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and be made to teach something that it was never intended to teach. Basically, this is how every heresy and cult throughout church history sprang forth.

What light, then, does the immediate context of Scripture shed upon the meaning of Genesis 2:7? It demonstrates, in the first place, that the phrase "man became a living soul" does not allow a pre-human form of life for Adam's body. The phrase "living soul" (*nephesh hayah*) should actually be translated "living creature," for the same phrase appears in Genesis 1:20 and 21, and is applied to sea creatures! In other words, the purpose of Genesis 2:7 is not to tell us that Adam had a unique soul (which we already learn by implication in Genesis 1:26-27), but that Adam was not *any* kind of a living creature until *he became* one by the creative breath of God. Until that moment he was inanimate, lifeless matter.

The significance of this fact can hardly be overestimated.

This leads us to a second important discovery from a study of the immediate context: namely, that "dust of the ground" cannot be understood symbolically of animals but must be interpreted literally. Note, for example, the terms of God's curse upon Adam in the following chapter: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake . . . thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground; *for out of it wast thou taken:* for dust thou art, and *unto dust shalt thou return*" (Gen. 3:17-19).

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Did the Creator shape man in a moment of time? Or did He merely breathe His spiritual image into an ape-like animal, as theistic evolutionists say? To some Christians today it would not seem an important issue. But far more is at stake than readily appears.



MAKE MAN?

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Two interesting things are said here about the "ground" and the "dust" from which Adam was taken: (1) it would bring forth thorns and thistles, and (2) Adam would return unto it.

Now if "dust of the ground" symbolizes the animal kingdom in Genesis 2:7, what does it mean here? Does this passage mean that animals brought forth thorns and thistles as a result of the curse? And does it mean that Adam had to return to the animal kingdom? Those who believe in reincarnation might favor the idea that "dust" here includes the animal kingdom, but a theistic evolutionist would hardly want to use this as a proof-text of his "living dust" idea!

Thus, the hermeneutical law of context demands that "dust of the ground" in Genesis 2:7 be interpreted literally. In the words of Dr. Edward J. Young, "the man was real, the dust was real, the ground was real as was also the breath of life. To these elements of the verse the term 'anthropomorphism' cannot legitimately be applied" (*Studies in Genesis One,* Presbyterian and Reformed Pub. Co., 1964, p. 57).

But what can we say about the verbs "formed" and "breathed," which theistic evolutionists set aside as mere anthropomorphisms? Dr. Young again comments: "The phrase 'and God formed' is not merely figurative and devoid of meaning. Although with physical hands God did not form the body of Adam, nevertheless, God did produce Adam's body from the dust in such a way that this action may accurately be designated a 'forming.' Even the words 'and God breathed' indicate a definite action on God's part. The divine breathing was not accomplished by means of physical, material organs. It was a divine, not a human, breathing. Although the term 'anthropomorphic' may be applied to the phrase 'and God breathed,' nevertheless, the phrase is not empty of content. This is true, even though one cannot state precisely what the divine breathing was" (*Studies in Genesis One,* p. 57 note).

The immediate context of the second chapter of Genesis clearly shows that such phrases as "God formed" and "God breathed" are in complete harmony with the concept of a literal and miraculous creation of Adam's body.

What also about the creation of Eve? In Genesis 2:22, for example, God is said to have "built" *(wayyiven)* Eve from a portion of Adam's side. Now it could be argued that this is likewise an "anthropomorphic verb," for it brings to mind the work of a carpenter or craftsman. But such an argument obviously proves nothing with regard to a possible evolution of the first woman from sub-human forms, for the passage is perfectly clear in showing us that Eve was taken physically, literally and supernaturally from the side of man.

Once we grant that Eve was created supernaturally, of course, the whole purpose of trying to interpret Adam's creation in evolutionary terms collapses. To connect Adam's body with the animal kingdom but to admit that Eve's body was directly created would be absurd, either from the standpoint of evolutionary science or Biblical creationism. We may not know in exact detail how God fashioned the bodies of our first parents, but that He created them miraculously is the plain teaching of Genesis.

Moving now to the broader context of the New Testament, we find additional light on the creation of man. When the Pharisees confronted the Lord Jesus Christ with the divorce question (Matt. 19:3), He answered them by asserting the permanence of the marriage bond in the terms of Genesis 2:24—"Therefore shall a man . . . *cleave* unto his wife: and they shall be *one flesh.*"

Now it is important to note that our Lord introduced this reference to the first marriage in Genesis 2 (which serves as a God-given pattern for all marriages) by appealing to a statement in Genesis 1:27—*"male and female created he them."* In other words, the uniqueness of human marriage in the world of living things is based not only upon man's spiritual nature, but also upon man's physical nature, and *both* were created directly by God!

In opposition to the theistic evolution position, therefore, the Bible teaches us that God not only created man in His image and likeness (spiritually), but also male and female (physically). If man had been an animal physically before he acquired his spiritual nature, he would *already* have been male and female, and the statements of Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 19:4 would be inaccurate and misleading.

Let us pursue still another line. In harmony with our Lord's teaching that man was created physically as well as spiritually, the apostle Paul states: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts . . ." (I Cor. 15:39). The basic thrust of theistic evolution, of course, is that all flesh on earth *is the same flesh.* The concept of the family tree of living things (illustrated in the early chapters of most college and high school textbooks on biology and ancient history) depicts the human race as a twig on the branch of anthropoid mammals. Such a view cannot be harmonized with Paul's doctrine of man's physical uniqueness.

Perhaps the clearest New Testament statement concerning the supernatural origin of mankind is found in I Corinthians 11:8 and 12—"For the man is not *of* the woman; but the woman *of* the man. . . . For as the woman is *of* the man, even so is the man also *by* the woman." The preposition "of" *(ek)* has reference here to ultimate physical origin, while the preposition "by" *(dia)* refers to the process of birth. Paul is saying that while all men today are born of women, women had their ultimate origin in a man (compare Gen. 3:20 with Acts 17:26 ASV). But this can be true only if theistic evolution is false, for otherwise the first woman would have come physically from an animal, not a man.

What, then, is our conclusion? If the Bible is true, then two great miracles of God brought the human race into existence. The body of the first man was formed supernaturally from the literal dust of the ground and became alive the moment God's invisible, spiritual image was "breathed" into him. The second great miracle occurred when a woman was formed from a portion of this man's side.

God has carefully guarded this vastly important doctrine from abuse and perversion by a wide context of Biblical references that support and clarify the basic detailed statements of the second chapter of Genesis. ▼

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Three Rare Antiques

By Rev. Glen Welborn

A few years ago Roger Babson wrote that he didn't advocate going back to the old out-house. Neither do I. He was writing about the irresponsibility of our younger generation. He advocated getting back to the basic three R's in education. Few, if any, paid any attention. But even more important is the need for the return of three rare antiques to our homes. These three used to be referred to as the family altar, the woodshed and the prayer closet. It is hoped someone will pay attention.

The Family Altar

"When I was a chaplain in an Arkansas penitentiary," says Mr. Hogg, "out of seventeen hundred convicts, I found only one who had been brought up in a home where they had an old-fashioned family altar. I heard since that he was released as he was found innocent. There is an atmosphere in the Christian home which makes it impossible for skepticism or atheism to live there. May God give us back the old-fashioned family altar, and the old-fashioned Bible, and the old-fashioned parents. Then the Holy Spirit will come down as the glory cloud came down on the Tabernacle."

Even in our fundamental church families many of these old-fashioned altars are missing. With the passing of the older generation, many of them have been relegated to the attics. In the spot where the family altar used to be sits the modern electronic device that, as one Bible institute teacher stated, is producing a generation of youth with grapefruit eyes and peanut brains.

If there isn't room in our homes for both (the TV and the family altar), then let us get the valuable antique out of the attic and remove the less valuable article to a place less noticeable. This decisive move will do spiritual wonders for our own souls and the souls of our children! And it will also make a telling effect on our churches for good. Father, you are the God-appointed spiritual priest to lead your family to God. See Deuteronomy 6:6-9. "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (Ps. 34:11).

The Woodshed

Only the older generation knows what the woodshed is. It had two important uses. Wood was stored in this shed for the kitchen stove and the round oak heating stove. And it was here that many sons and daughters received some of their most valuable education. When put into the stoves, the wood produced needed heat. When applied to the proper spot on disobedient children, it produced responsible citizens. These children learned to respect authority.

Does this old-fashioned woodshed sound too rough? It is rough. I've been there! But I would not trade what I learned there for all the modern philosophical methods and comfortable classrooms on self-behavorism put together.

To the Bible this old-fashioned woodshed *is not* too rough. Listen to this: "He that spareth his rod hateth [not spoileth, as it is often quoted] his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24). Also this: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Prov. 19:18). And this: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15). And two more verses: "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver

his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13-14).

If a man had written these words we would call him brutal, barbarous, irrational. But these are God's words, and we'd better be careful what we call Him!

Get one thing straight. The chastening work (the woodshed work) of a faithful father is a work of *love*. The lack of chastening is called *hating* the child. Who said so? God! And He ought to know; He made us.

Personally, I feel sorry for the child who never learns where God has placed authority. In the home, this authority is delegated by God to the parents. Right here is where the child must learn it and respect it. If he doesn't learn it here, he probably never will. If he learns it well in the home, he will submit to authority in the school, in the state (civil authority) and in the church (divine authority). This is the reason the Bible can say that the rod "shall deliver his soul from hell."

Some time ago a West Coast university professor declared, "We are now reaping the harvest of an unspanked generation." And what a harvest we are seeing! What else accounts for all the beatles, beatniks, demonstrators and rebels? How else can we explain all the disobedience, lawlessness and vandalism?

Not many days ago I heard a schoolteacher in a mid-western city school system say that it cost $50,000 a year just to replace windows in the school buildings in his city. Most of this was deliberate destruction by vandalism. Who were the vandals? Undisciplined youth! Whose fault was it? Parents who had let the woodshed rot down!

Thank God for the few old-fashioned parents who still have the old woodshed in good working order. There still are a few fine, well disciplined young people around.

The Prayer Closet

The prayer closet—what's that? This is a secret place where the individual believer gets alone with His Heavenly Father and talks things over. But who does this any more? Who has the time? And besides, we must be on the very friendliest of terms with God before we will lay our hearts bare before Him. It is in the closet that we will become most honest with our Father about our sins—yea, every secret sin that is no one else's business. It is here that we can best lay upon Him our burdens. And if we are to weep over our own sins and failures, and over the lost condition of our sons, daughters, neighbors and friends, it will probably be in this closet alone with God. This kind of business is too serious and sacred for public gaze and display.

For some time now I have been tired of trying to run human organizations devised to keep the church going. I'm tired of trying the hundred and one methods different men have brainstormed. I think Satan is making fools of us when we come to think that anything else can take the place of these three rare antiques of great value. The local church cannot be spiritually stronger than the people who belong to it.

People live (should, at least) in homes. But what kind of homes? Is there a family altar in your home? If not, why not? Is there Biblical discipline in your home? Parents, are your children in obedient subjection to you? Do they know that you are to be in absolute authority? Now turn to Matthew 6:6 and read what Jesus said about the prayer closet. Have you been there regularly? ▼



"Sounds like we have a couple of good future prospects for the church choir in there!"

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call home, but that was 1,200 miles away. I considered talking to my friends, but would they really be concerned? I thought of turning to the Bible, but where would I look? I finally thought of a record I had from the FCA summer conference of the year before, and as I listened to it I heard a man speak whom I've always kind of idolized—Bob Pettit. I heard him say: "We are not trying for the state championship, nor are we playing for the national championship. We are playing but for one thing—the victory of Christ in the hearts of men."

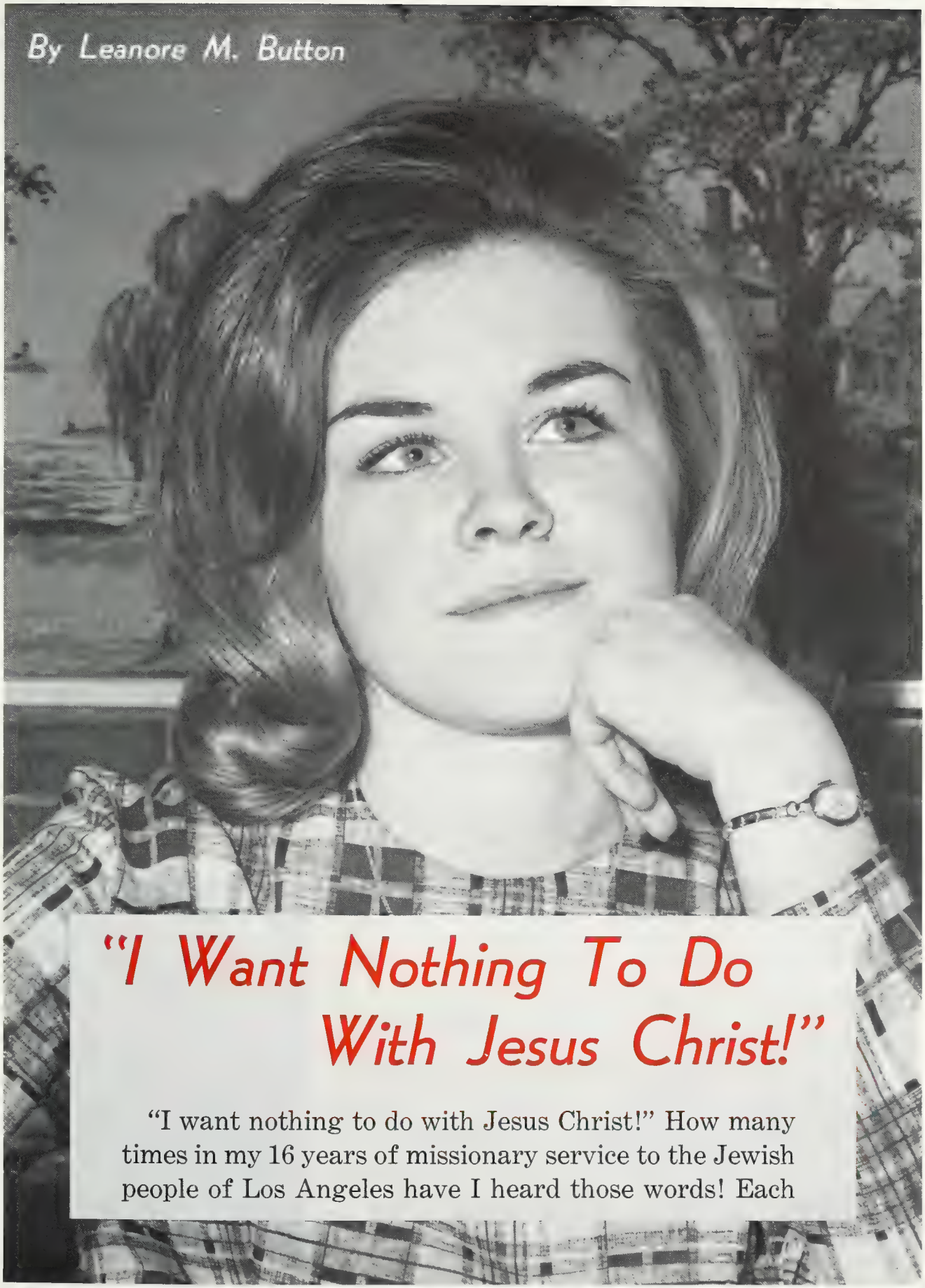
Here I was worried about my academics, my basketball, about everything, and had been neglecting the one thing that counts the most. I never did receive that "bolt of lightning," but I knew the moment when I heard those words roll off that record that I was a Christian. I had been giving my life to the wrong goals. I knew then that I wanted to give my life to Jesus Christ and His service. I had been waiting for the outside light and all the time it was inside.

I believe there are many persons looking for Jesus, wanting someone to tell them just how to become a Christian. But these folks are waiting to see how this faith works in the lives of those who profess being Christians. They need to be shown how much Jesus really means to you and me. He was a man who came to the people, the neglected, the hungry, really whoever would have Him. I know that Jesus Christ is as close and as personal as you will let Him be, but no more. You have to open up your heart.

To know Christ each of us needs to let Him come into our life. Let Him show you the way—not the way to fortune, fame, and praise to your name—but let Him show you the way to know His kingdom, power, and glory. The choice is simple between the eternal and the passing, between the strong and the weak, between the living challenge and boring conformity, between Jesus Christ and the world. I love Jesus Christ and I try to serve Him to the best of my ability, no matter how small and insignificant that might be. But I've made my choice and I've never regretted it. Have you? ▼

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By Leanore M. Button



"I Want Nothing To Do With Jesus Christ!"

"I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ!" How many times in my 16 years of missionary service to the Jewish people of Los Angeles have I heard those words! Each

time I hear them they shake me to the bottom of my soul.

I think of the little old man with his crisp, gray hair and his clipped, gray beard. Several times I had the opportunity to talk with him in his home, opening up the Word of God to him. He is gone now. His last words are still ringing in my ears. "I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ." It is too late for him, now. He *knows* the truth but it is far, far too late. He *must* now bow the knee to the One in whom he could not believe.

As I look back, I think of the many homes where I have called; I think of the many rejections of literature; of the passive acceptance of others; and of those who really listened because there was a need in their hearts, although they may not have been aware of it.

The Jewish mission field is a great one, but missionaries alone can barely scratch the surface. It is for those in the church, for the believer who knows Jesus Christ personally, to contact the Jew individually, and deal with him through the Holy Spirit of God. In no other way can Jews be reached as effectively with the gospel.

It is not "romantic" or easy to ring doorbells daily and to tell blank faces they are sinners; that there must be a sacrifice for their sin in order for them to have fellowship with God; and that the sacrifice is the blood of Jesus Christ. My own experiences have been many in the past 16 years. One day stands out in my mind.

The sun was warm in the January sky. Here and there a tiny wisp of a cloud hovered lazily. The street was long and narrow, stretching endlessly, it seemed, as I began at the "top" to make my way down one side. It was an apartment section. Some apartments housed 24 families, some 16, and some only six to eight. Without exception, they were Jewish people.

I have often heard Los Angeles spoken of as a cold, unfriendly city. In spite of this, people were visiting back and forth. To this day I dislike to make the first call of the morning. So, with the usual reluctance, I approached the first apartment. Outside, two ladies were sunning themselves within a stucco fence.

"Good morning," I said, smiling. "I have something to make your day more enjoyable."

They looked at me crossly. Neither answered.

I began to tell them about sin and that we all need a sacrifice for it. At last one said, "We will read it. We will read it." She was brushing me off.

The next apartment was a large one. At 517½ upstairs an elderly man came to the door. His expression was not antagonistic. I explained that the "Mediator" (our contact paper containing a tract) was written by Jewish men who believed Jesus was the Messiah. Would he mind reading it? No, he would not mind. In fact, being in a talkative mood, he told me about a Jewish man in Chicago who had spoken to him about the Lord Jesus.

At this point his wife interrupted him and began to take issue with me in Yiddish. About every third sentence she would say in perfect English, "Why don't you get another job?" Her husband seemed embarrassed and tried to soothe her. She yanked the "Mediator" out of his hand and tore it into little pieces. "Bah!" she said.

I offered him another which he tucked safely under his arm out of her reach. I talked a little longer about real peace with God and the need for fellowship with Him. Then, realizing I was only annoying his wife, I left. As I went down the stairs she said: "Get yourself another job and stop bothering us!" I grinned to myself as I heard him reply, "Now, now, Sarah. . . ."

Downstairs the lady flatly told me *no* and banged the door shut. At the apartment across the hall, an elderly lady accepted the "Mediator." As she did, the door across the hall opened again.

"I'm going to tell the Rabbi on you, Tillie!" Bang! went the door. The man from upstairs was now down on the walk reading the "Mediator" with obvious interest.

On a cross street at 8333 an elderly man opened the door. The record said he had refused the literature the last time. He was friendly until he saw what I had.

"What do you want from me?" he

"It is not 'romantic' to ring doorbells and tell blank faces they are sinners."



asked. "Do you want me to believe in your Jesus?"

I told him our interest was getting Jewish people to read the Tenach (Old Testament) and to realize God says we are all sinners and we cannot have fellowship with Him without the proper sacrifice for our sin.

"I know all that," he said. "We Jews don't need you to tell us what to do."

"Do you have a sacrifice for your sin?"

He shrugged. "Who knows? Okay, so I'll read it. Now what else do you want from me?" He grinned. "Okay, okay, go give out your little papers. I'm a busy man." Gently, but firmly, the door of 8333 closed.

At 8370, some thirty calls later, I found another upstairs apartment. On the door was a small grill about the size of a 50 cent piece. When I rang, it was opened to reveal a round, brown eye.

"What do you want?" The voice sounded young and anything but friendly. I held up the "Mediator." "I'd like to leave this little paper with you," I said to the eye.

"If it is about Jesus Christ, I don't want it. I don't want anything to do with Jesus Christ."

There was no point in trying to talk with an eye and the door was obviously not going to be opened. The card said: Refused "Mediator." Wants nothing to do with Jesus Christ.

I looked at my watch. It was now 11:15. I debated for a minute, standing on the curb. Should I do another block and run the risk of getting into a long conversation just at lunch time or should I stop and look for my husband who was calling a few blocks away? I decided on the former, noting there were only five houses remaining in the next block. Some had been cleared away for the erection of a new apartment building.

An elderly man was coming down the walk. "Are you 8381?" I asked.

"What are you, a missionary?" He eyed the "Mediators" under my arm. "If that stuff is about Jesus Christ, I don't want it!"

I tried to talk to him but he growled at me: "Go to the Christians!" and walked away.

Next was another elderly man. I had no sooner offered him a "Mediator" than he began to scream at me. The sum and substance of his anger was that I had ruined his entire day because I was trying to convert Jewish people to my belief.

"He wasn't listening . . . by this time he was screaming."

I tried to calm him, because he was quite loud. "Have I asked you to do anything but read a little paper?" I asked. "You don't have to agree with it, you know. You read many things with which you do not agree, I am sure."

He wasn't listening. "You don't find Jewish people out banging on doors trying to sell their religion, do you? No, they have more sense. They mind their own business as you should be doing." By this time he was screaming again.

"Do you want your neighbors to hear you?" I asked. Then, as he quieted a little, I told him that Jews today couldn't "sell" their religion because they had no hope to offer a lost, weary world. He began to scream again.

"I won't talk if it upsets you so," I said, preparing to leave.

"No, wait! See this ring?" He showed me a ring with a triangle on it. "You would be surprised if you knew what it stands for."

"Tell me."

"No, I took an oath not to talk about it. You wouldn't understand, anyway. Why should I tell you? Do you know why I don't believe that trash? I have four degrees after my name."

"Do they make you happy?" I asked him. He didn't answer but I was beginning to understand him. "You had better ask yourself some questions. Ask why the name of Jesus sends you into a fit of anger. It isn't me you dislike—it is the One I represent. You can't see God; you can't feel Him; you can't understand Him; so you don't believe He is. Even with your degrees, God eludes you."

His mood changed. "How do people receive you?"

I shrugged. "Some are interested; others don't want to be bothered; but mostly they are willing to read the 'Mediator.'"

"How much are your little papers?"

"Nothing. They are free, like God's gift of salvation."

He didn't smile. Gruffly, he said: "Give me one of those papers."

On the way home my mind kept going back to those who said: "I don't want anything to do with Jesus Christ." In spite of the warm sunshine, I shivered. How do you live without Him! I still remembered the days when I, myself, did not know Him. I could still remember the unnamed fear that went to bed with me each night; the days when there was something missing, though I didn't know what. People can always fill their days with material things—ah, yes, but the nights are when you are alone—alone. . . . Jewish people who want nothing to do with Jesus Christ must have the same fears. Each time I put away the little record cards I think: "This day is finished. With it has gone, perhaps, the last opportunity some of these will ever have to hear about Him. The saddest words they will remember are: 'I want nothing to do with Jesus Christ.'"

It is a well-known fact that there are never enough missionaries to go around. How, then, can missionaries to the Jewish people cope with the great numbers of Jews who will go into eternity lost without Christ? The only possible solution is for members of churches to get a real vision of this vast mission field. It is up to them to seek out their Jewish friends and neighbors by *individual contact* and to seek to win them to Jesus Christ by the help of the Holy Spirit of God. ▼

VICTORY at Any Price

On December 10, 1965, after more than four years of intense suffering caused by cancer, Mrs. Van Der Puy entered the presence of the Lord. A Jewish nurse who had attended her said to an administrator in her hospital, "For a long time I have been waiting to see a true Christian . . . and now I have seen one."

Mrs. Van Der Puy was the wife of Abe C. Van Der Puy, president of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Mr. Van Der Puy has written, "The holy beauty which many saw in their contact with Dolores reached back all the way into her most private life. In every home circumstance we witnessed her simple faith in Jesus Christ and her walk in the fulness of the Holy Spirit. Some seem to think that the kind of spiritual victory she had is possible for only a select few of God's children. This is not true. Anyone can have it simply by taking the little bundle of his life and laying it at the feet of Jesus."

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All Christians have a basic problem. It's the question of how to have personal victory in every situation of life. I have found a formula for it in II Corinthians 13:11 of the *Living Letters* paraphrase. There are four simple commands: (1) rejoice, (2) grow up in Christ, (3) be comforted, (4) live in harmony and peace.

You will never have a problem that goes beyond this formula. As I look at the first command, "Rejoice," I realize the whole formula depends on this. If you can't rejoice, you can never go on to the other three commands.

To rejoice when the hard things come in life is often to rejoice alone. Others tend to look on the human side which sees no cause for rejoicing when difficult circumstances come. I really don't want you to go through a difficult experience, and you don't want me to. Amy Carmichael said that we need to pray for courage to allow our loved ones to go through difficulties. We all want the best for our children. But we don't always know what's best for them. We would give them only the good things of life. We would keep them from all suffering. At least I would for my children, and I'm sure you would for yours. But the absence of suffering has never built character. It is often the hard things that bring us closer to the Lord.

I cannot forget what my husband has sometimes said, that our character is revealed by what spills over when we're bumped unpleasantly. As I look back I am appalled at what spilled over out of my life. It certainly wasn't the character of the Lord Jesus Christ. But there came a time in my life when I had to face life realistically. Either God was doing what was right or He wasn't God. And I was sinning by not willingly accepting what God had sent to me.

I remember the first time I was bumped by my particular illness. Our family doctor had to tell me the nature of my malady. I'm sure he was appalled at what spilled out of my life. But there came a day when I recognized that I didn't need anything else but the Lord Jesus himself. He could supply my need for anything that came to me and all I had to do was take it from His hand and say "Thank you," and rejoice.

The next time I was bumped with this particular illness another doctor had to tell me exactly what I was facing. This time it was really much more serious, for the only hope he could give me was that of time. But it wasn't the battle that it had been the first time. God had shown me with Paul, "whether we live or whether we die," we are the Lord's. Life and death are both glorious for the Christian, and God may be pleased to use either one. It isn't ours to choose. He knows what is best.

Just a few weeks ago, I had another bump. Another doctor had to spell out my future. I don't think he would have told me if I were not so carefree now about it. I know my life is in God's hands. What comes to me is right. He can preserve me even in this condition. He has preserved me for four years.

I am grateful today that I have learned to rejoice in every circumstance. I don't really have a problem in the world. Because of this attitude on my part, I feel that God has made our home a place to be treasured. He has done much for our children and for those around us. Others can rejoice with us.

Now the second command involves a long, long process. "Grow up in Christ." I am convinced that we don't realize the depth of commitment that this takes.

To mind comes the picture of the vine with its branches growing from



The personal testimony of the late Dolores Van Der Puy

it. When you look at the vine, you see this wonderful living thing, so sturdy, so sufficient. It has everything the branches need. We expect to see luxuriant branches just loaded with fruit. Not the fruit that we are going to bear, but the fruit that the Holy Spirit can bear in us: love, joy, peace, meekness, longsuffering and all the rest. We expect to see this in profusion because the vine is so complete and so willing to pour its life into the branches. But actually the branches appear pretty weak. They don't have much fruit for the world to see. Because so little fruit has grown the husbandman comes around to clip off this, clip off that, put on a little more fertilizer and hope that next year each branch will bear more fruit.

Reese Howells in his book, *Intercessor,* says, "One thing the husbandman won't do is to graft the old life into the vine. Self can never abide in the Saviour. Not an atom of it." Do we really believe that? Or do we cry out when He comes to cut away that which isn't pleasing to Him? That which self inspires? Most of us put up quite a fight when He tries to cut off things which hinder our spiritual growth. But there is nothing else that will make us grow up into Christ like God's pruning process.

The third command, and I have sometimes wondered why it's here, is a very simple one. It says, "Be comforted." This implies that God has provided everything we need for comfort. All we have to do is accept it. I've found here, too, that friends and loved ones are not much help because they sympathize with me rather than strengthen my hands in God.

I have a dear friend who knows the Lord well. She is a person who is led by the Holy Spirit in a most remarkable way. She visited me in the hospital while I was going through such pain it's difficult to describe. I look back on those five weeks in the hospital as very black. I didn't know such pain existed. I wondered why God would allow me to have this pain. My own heart found it difficult to accept comfort in this situation. My friend confessed to me after my discharge from the hospital: "I left your room and just cried out to the Lord to take you home. I just couldn't stand to see you suffer." But this was not the will of God. God was showing me that He has to take off our little asbestos suits because gold is only refined through fire. I learned very quickly that when we pass through fire, He is with us.

Perhaps the last command is the most important. It is so simple you can't miss its meaning. "Live in harmony and peace." I have found as I have gone on with the Lord that I cannot leave anything in my life that would hinder my fellowship with anyone—whether it be their thoughts against me or my thoughts against them. I've had to humble myself many times to go to people to clear up a grudge or a misunderstanding. Now I can look at anyone with the love the Holy Spirit gives me for him. The fellowship I have with God's people today is so precious, I wonder why it took me so long to learn this lesson.

Paul's command doesn't only say "peace," you notice; it says "harmony and peace." I've found that harmony among Christians makes an impression on the world. Even though the body of Christ seems so split and so full of factions, God sees it perfect and entire and moving together just as He planned it. This is what the Holy Spirit is trying to do in us today. What He does for me He doesn't do merely for me; He does it for the body. God has planned that the world see His people moving ahead in unity. It doesn't always come easily, though, because God so often uses those around us to humble us in order to make us into something.

Or, God may use circumstances to break us and bring us to the place where He can bless us and others through us. But God only goes as far as we are willing to let Him go. Several years ago as I faced the fact that I had cancer, I told Him I was willing. At that time I had no idea what He was going to do. But I'm glad that that day I truly consecrated my life to Him. Otherwise, many times I would have wanted to turn back. I feel as if I'm just touching the fringes of what God has for me, but I realize that it isn't necessary for me to be in good health. He can use illness as much as or more than He can use good health.

I thought when I first became ill that I was being set off on a shelf and that I would have no work for God. I couldn't even sing. But the Holy Spirit brought me to realize that He would do God's work in and through me. He used my telephone and my doorbell to bring people to me that He needed to bless through what He has given me. The blessing was not only for me but also for others. There is never a day when God doesn't bring to me someone who needs the message that Jesus Christ in any circumstance is absolutely enough. There is nothing we will ever need from here to eternity that He is not able to supply.

Oh, may each of us be willing to accept all that God wants to do in us to build a Christlike character, not counting the cost but saying, "Victory at any price!" ▼

Four Things God Wants You To Know



1. You Need Salvation

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.—The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? —We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.—All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.—Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (Rom. 3:23; Rom. 3:10-11; Jer. 17:9; Isa. 64:6; Isa. 53:6; John 3:3)

2. You Are Unable To Save Yourself

A man is not justified by the works of the law.—For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.—Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Gal. 2:16; James 2:10; Prov. 14:12; Titus 3:5; Acts 4:12)

3. Salvation Has Been Provided for You Through Jesus Christ

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.--We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.—For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (I Tim. 1:15; I Peter 2:24; Heb. 2:9; I Peter 3:18; John 3:16)

4. You Will Receive This Salvation If You Will Place Your Trust in Christ

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. (Acts 16:31; John 1:12)

When you do this, you show "*repentance* toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.—Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Acts 20:21; Luke 13:3)

You also *confess* your sins to God "for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Tim. 2:5)

Do it now, and "boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (Prov. 27:1; II Cor. 6:2)

Remember, "every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.—He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (Rom. 14:12; Heb. 9:27; John 5:24)

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Knowing that I am a sinner and knowing that Jesus Christ died for me, I *now* accept Him as my Saviour, and with His help I will witness concerning Him before men, for "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10).

Signed _____

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Now that you are a believer, you should know that Jesus Christ has provided victory over sin for you.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.—The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.—For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.—He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (I Cor. 10:13; II Peter 2:9; Heb. 2:18; Heb. 7:25)

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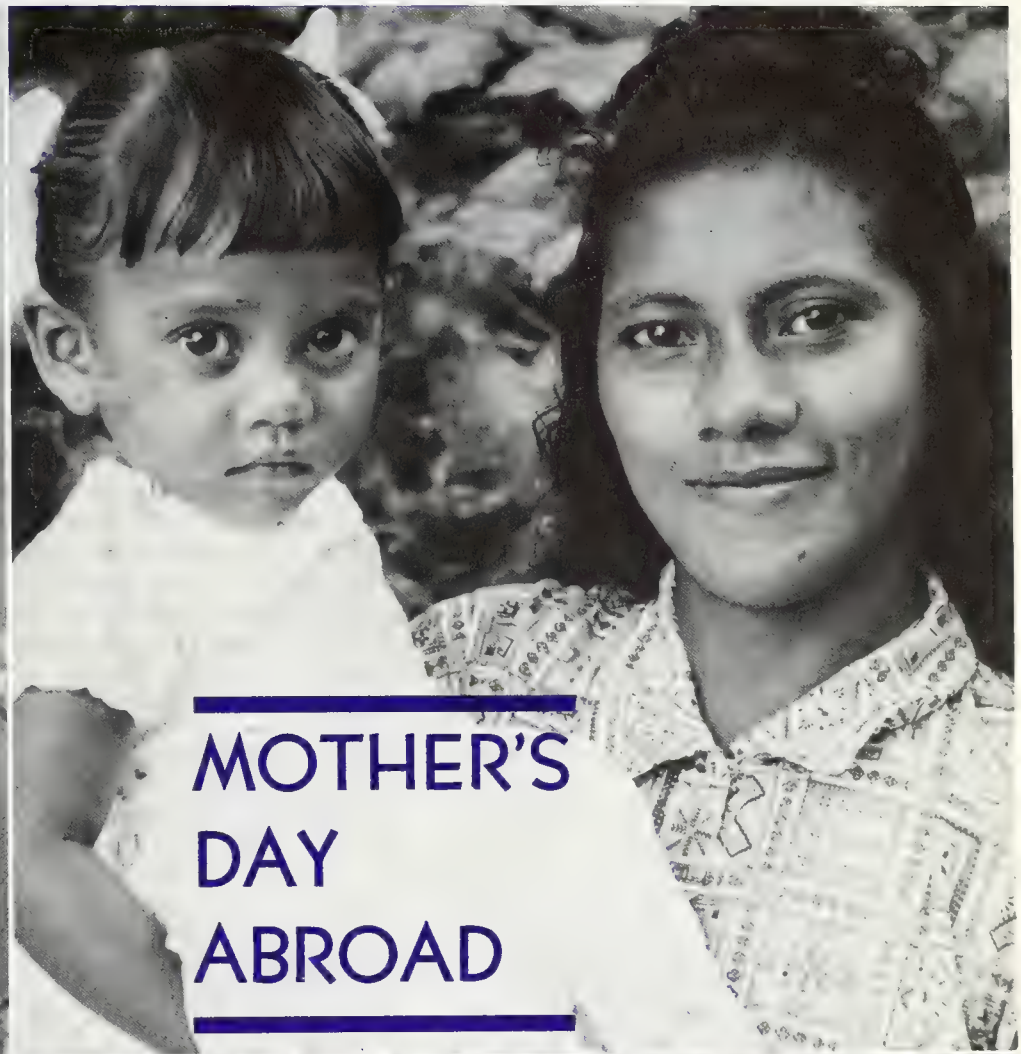
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MOTHER'S DAY ABROAD



Mothers in Foreign Lands

By Marcia Wardell

"Mother"! No matter what the language in which this word is spoken, it is doubtful that there is any other word so universally meaningful. To Americans, who have firmly established the custom of observing Mother's Day, even all the commercialization of the day has not overshadowed the fact that much honor *is* due to mothers. And even the loudest praises and most lavish expressions of love can in no adequate way compensate for the well-performed job of motherhood—particularly that of Christian motherhood. In a unique sense the power of the Gospel is particularly potent when it comes into the hands—and heart and life—of a mother. A dedicated, God-fearing Christian mother will never relax her prayers and her efforts to see her children come to Christ.

It is a known fact that in lands where Christ has been preached, the role of the woman is on a far higher plane than in heathen or unevangelized areas. Not only does the power of the Gospel change the individual woman herself. Because it brings a different set of values into focus and being, the status of the woman is elevated as well, and her usefulness comes to the fore in ways other than the strictly physical.

Four women who either grew up in other lands themselves, or who have lived and worked on foreign soils, have told of the role of women, along with some of the customs, in these lands. Mrs. Ray Davis comes from Argentina and Mrs. Jose Thompson from Puerto Rico. Mrs. Fred Fogle and Mrs. Rose Foster have served as missionaries in France and Africa, respectively.

Mrs. Davis remembers her fine Christian mother, who had great concern that her children might know the Lord and serve Him. When the youngest of the five children was yet very small and the mother was not well, she prayed earnestly that God might allow her to live until her youngest was 15 and until all her children knew the Lord. And God answered her prayers.

Mrs. Thompson's family was a church-minded family—though not Catholic as one might expect in a Latin American land. These folks were Protestants, but not saved. The children were obliged to be obedient to their parents and to respect them, and were not given the opportunity for very much personal freedom until they were grown.

Mrs. Fogle points out the fact that most French parents are very strict with their children and demand explicit obedience, and the children are required to treat their parents with definite respect. "They would never 'talk back' to a parent." French families are closely knit throughout life, and are very affectionate. No child would think of going to bed or leaving the house without kissing the adults. Even when meeting family members on the street, they kiss.

In an Argentine home, says Mrs. Davis, the mother's place is in the home, caring for her husband and children. "The center of the home is the mother. Without the mother it really isn't a home. She is really the queen of the home." This is largely true also in Puerto Rico, Mrs. Thompson agrees.

One question asked was whether the young people in these lands enjoy the same degree of freedom as do the youth of the United States.

The Latin American ladies say definitely no. Mrs. Thompson recalls that "there was the plaza and we used to go there and walk around, but we couldn't be by ourselves," and they had to be chaperoned. When a girl finishes high school, then she may "have a boy friend and get engaged." However, Mrs. Thompson admits that there is probably a tendency in Puerto Rico now toward a little relaxation in this strict conduct demanded of young people.

On the question of youthful free-

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dom, Mrs. Fogle says yes—and no. In many respects, French young people have few restrictions, and yet not in "the better families." Young people start dating much later than in the U.S.

It seems to be true in these other lands that children have much more demanded of them in their school work than in this country. Mrs. Fogle says there is no time at all for extracurricular activities in French schools, and there are no clubs or other organizations in the schools. Argentine children have much school work to do, also. Puerto Rican mothers encourage their children in school: "Some mothers didn't have the opportunity to go to school, so they want their children to get an education."

What happens when mothers come to know Christ? "It makes *everything* different," says Mrs. Davis. There is no compromise. The mother becomes "definitely" Christian, and her great desire is that her husband and children also become Christians. Separation is greatly stressed in Argentina; Christians want to be known as different from worldly people. This applies in the case of Christian young people, too. Therefore, the things of the world hold no temptation for them. "If you're a Christian, you're all Christian." She says, furthermore, that in the Christian homes there are not the problems commonly expected with teen-age girls in our own country. The girls are willing to go along with their mothers—literally. She mentions that girls attend WMC meetings from their early teens and on, and it is no problem to them to be in the company of the older women. "My mother was always my best friend," she states firmly.

The French families just seem to live all year for their month of vacation in the summer; they save and plan for this as the highlight of their year. Why are the French mothers, along with all other French people, so exceedingly difficult to reach for Christ? Mrs. Fogle has pondered long on this question. "It's all basically a sin problem . . . they just don't have a proper evaluation of sin. . . ." In fact, they don't really know the meaning of the word "sin." And sin is ingrained in their lives.



"We couldn't be alone," says Mrs. Thompson, remembering her dates.

As yet African mothers haven't been mentioned. But this is because the African situation is so different from those in the other countries dealt with. The Gospel has made a great change in a lot of African women—yes, indeed. But instead of the women and children being the ones coming to Christ first, as is the case in many places, in Africa more often the men were first reached. Sometimes the women have been slow to come, and slow even to attempt to learn because of their downtrodden condition for generations past. In the "old days" life's prospects were dark indeed for a girl. She married early, and had nothing to look forward to except to serve her husband, bear children, and work—constant, unrelenting work throughout her years. It was the responsibility of the women not only to prepare the food for their families, but to provide it as well. Even yet, to a great extent this is true. Therefore, gardens are vital to the African women. Children, especially the girls, are very young when they have to go to the gardens with their mothers, either to "babysit" the younger ones or to wield the hoes themselves. But now it is possible for a girl to attend the government schools, and eventually either go into schoolteaching herself, or clerk in a store, or work in an office.



One of the sidelights on the African scene is that very little is done in the disciplining of children. "I never saw anyone whip a child," says Mrs. Foster. (On the rare occasions when discipline *is* administered, it is done in anger and cruelty.) This is indeed a contrast to the other lands, where strict discipline is maintained!

The key to the family situation and the status of the wife, says Mrs. Foster, is whether the husband is a Christian. "Where only the women are Christians," she says, "it is much like in the homeland—they are handicapped."

In all the lands around the world there is no higher role for women than that of Christian motherhood. It is a unique, God-appointed task. Surely one of the greatest privileges and advantages any child can have is that of a Christian mother. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." "Her price is far above rubies." "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." ▼

"Mother is really queen of the home in Argentina," says Mrs. Davis.



Missions Speaks Out

Evangelicals Meeting at Wheaton Took an Unprecedented Stand for the World To See

Every year, for a period known as Easter vacation, Christian college campuses across the country grow desolate and lonely as only a few students stay behind to study or make money at their jobs.

This year during Easter vacation, however, the campus of Wheaton (Illinois) College was humming with excitement as an unprecedented gathering of nearly one thousand missionary leaders from around the world gathered to discuss the mission of the church.

The gathering was sponsored by the two leading evangelical mission groups—the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association. Together the groups represent some thirteen thousand missionaries who serve in foreign lands. Of course, they represent nearly all denominational and non-denominational foreign mission groups in today's evangelical world.

Officially called the Congress on the Church's World-Wide Mission, the conclave was a historic session that will probably not be matched in this century.

For the first time in the 20th century a huge group of evangelical mission leaders were uniting to make a statement to the world concerning the cause of Christ and His Church.

Why have the meeting? For many, the ultimate goal was to share ideas and problems and to unify efforts to push cooperatively toward the goal of evangelizing the world.

For others it was a time just to say once and for all to the world: "This is what we are trying to do."

To still others it was a supreme seminar session when the most acute problems of missionary endeavor today could be discussed in a well-thought-out manner.

This was the feeling of most. And the method by which the discussion was guided was a statement forged by the conference and called the "Wheaton Declaration."

Daily from April 11 through 16, various parts of the declaration were studied through a series of well-researched papers. In these sessions, delegates followed the prepublished paper as it was read by the author. Then each person was dismissed to a preassigned study group where he shared with his fellow delegates his contributions on the subject presented in the previous session.

Since discussions involved today's outstanding missions leaders, the





The delegates daily studied heavily researched papers on contemporary subjects as they were actually presented.







Several Brethren men attended the conference, including missionary George Cone (left), missionary candidate Jim Renick (center), and former missionary Harold Dunning, now instructor of missions at Biola College. This was representative of the delegates, who included a surprising number of missionaries and missionary candidates. A delegation from Grace College and Seminary also attended, including Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., J. Paul Dowdy, and Bill Fay.

study groups were excitingly valuable. And at the end of the conference, a forthright and uncompromising declaration was forged.

The declaration included a preamble and then specific discussion of ten leading areas of interest, ranging from Romanism to the matter of church growth. Some of the other subjects covered were universalism, "the hostile world," social concern, and the explosive problem of proselytization.

Delegates did much more than just participate in study groups. Extensive informal discussion groups were everywhere. Said one delegate, "It would be worth it just for the good you get out of the helpful discussions at the dinner table."

The reason was understandable. The delegate listing read like a "Who's Who in Evangelical Missions."

Inspirational meetings were carried on daily, as well. In fact, the first two days of the congress were turned over to this format alone (Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10).

Several Brethren delegates attended. All thought the conference was helpful as well as historic.

"It was a time to share, to learn, and to contribute," said Clyde Landrum. "And what impressed me was the unanimity of action and determination to reach a lost world."

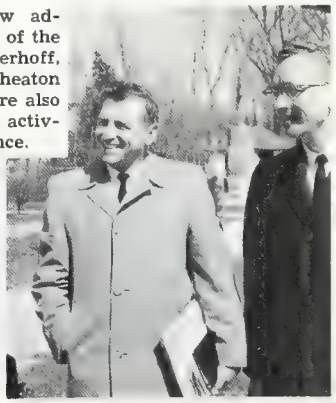
John Zielasko was impressed with the "seriousness and certainty" of the delegates, adding that "it was refreshing to learn that a large segment of Christians have not been infected by the disease of doubt."

Missionary George Cone looked to the future in his analysis of the gathering. "Let us learn from this congress that we evangelicals must unite our efforts for the proclaiming of the Gospel, that we might realize the mandate of Christ to His disciples in our day."

Which seemed to summarize the attitude after the final prayer was offered. It was time now to return to the field. It was time for action. ▼



The conference was a time to share ideas. Here Harold Cook (Moody Bible Institute), Clyde Landrum (FMS), Harold Amstutz (Africa Inland Mission), and Evan Adams (Inter-Varsity) exchange cordialities.



Jack Zielasko, new administrative assistant of the FMS, and Dean Fetterhoff, pastor of the local Wheaton Brethren Church, were also in the midst of the activities of the conference.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Do You Know Who David Was?



MISSIONARY HELPERS

Kurt (top) and Jerry (below) Magers. Kurt is eight years old and Jerry is ten. They live at Lexington, Ohio, and go to the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield.

One time we had the privilege of putting a Gospel of John in every home of a good-sized city in France where the true Gospel is little known.

The last evening we were there, after finding a nice picnic area along the river which flows by the city, we were eating our supper and a group of boys gathered around. Each one had a sling shot and was shooting pebbles into the river.

As we talked with them, we asked if they had heard of David, for he too had a sling shot. One asked, "David who? Davey Crockett?" "No," we answered, "David in the Bible, the shepherd boy who loved the Lord God." Again the question came back, "Are you talking about Davey Crockett?"

Does it not make you sad to realize that boys ten and twelve years of age have never heard the stories of that wonderful young lad as well as of many other heroes of the Bible?

That shows how much the children of France need to hear the stories of God's Word and of Jesus, so that they can let Him live in their hearts. Pray with us, Missionary Helpers, that many more boys and girls in France may hear the stories of the Bible.

—Rev. Fred Fogle



This picture of the Fogle family was taken before they left France last year. Left to right: Beckie, Victor, Mrs. Fogle, Mr. Fogle, and Neal.

MARY MISSIONARY



Time-consuming repair jobs can be a nuisance. So now . . .

Mr. Fix-It Goes To Africa

One of the concerns on the Brethren Africa field in recent years has been the need for a qualified mechanic to care for the mission's motor vehicles. Far too much time is consumed on the part of specialized missionaries in the business of keeping the cars in working order. Just as the going of a builder relieved missionaries from the burden of doing their own construction work, so the addition of an auto mechanic to the C.A.R. staff will release others to give their full time to their appointed ministries. The answer to the need for a mechanical expert is in the person of Tom McDairmant.

Both Tom and his wife, Gracia, were born, reared, and educated, and then met and were married in southern California. Both came to know Christ as personal Saviour during the very early years of their lives. Growing up under the influence of Christian homes and church activities, during their youth they made their individual decisions to serve the Lord, feeling a special desire to become missionaries. But as the years passed, they knew no real leading in the matter, until the spring of 1965 when a missionary conference was held in their home church, the Seal Beach Brethren Church. At that time the Lord led them to offer themselves for service in Africa. Late summer found the McDairmant family moving to Winona Lake, Indiana, so that Tom might take a year of special study in Grace Theological Seminary to help equip him for a spiritual ministry as well as a ministry in physical things.

During the midyear meeting of the FMS board of trustees, the McDairmants were appointed to service in the Central African Republic. Consequently, they are now involved in their preparations, hoping to be able to depart by midsummer.

"Mr. Fix-It" and his family . . . a special ministry awaits in C.A.R.



The McDairmant outfit appeal will be presented in Brethren churches in the usual way, through the Missionary Outfit Clubs. A slide-tape set presenting this family will be made available as soon as possible, and churches are urged to write to the FMS office for booking when it is available.

Before it will be possible for the McDairmants to depart for the field, they must also, besides having sufficient funds, have total support underwritten for themselves and their three children—Nancy, six, Danny, five, and Margaret, one. Interested churches, groups, or individuals are urged to contact the FMS office in regard to all these matters. ▼

STANDING OF THE CHURCHES

Showing Percentage of Increase of the 1965 Foreign Mission Offering Over That for 1964

These churches increased by more than 100 per cent

	Percentage
1. Grand Terrace, Calif.	844
2. Arlington, Calif.	685
3. Glendora, Calif.	678
4. Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	540
5. Meyersdale, Pa.	503
6. Tucson, Ariz.	491
7. Galion, Ohio	486
8. Hastings, Mich.	453
9. Cheyenne, Wyo.	429
10. Covington, Ohio	354
11. Kokomo, Ind.	335
12. Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	240
13. Toppenish, Wash.	204
14. Johnson City, Tenn.	194
15. New Troy, Mich.	185
16. Spokane, Wash.	183
17. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	179
18. LaHabra, Calif.	169
19. Davenport, Iowa	167
20. Englewood, Ohio	155
21. West Alexandria, Ohio	152
22. Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	142
23. Anaheim, Calif.	133
24. Covington, Va.	128
25. Allentown, Pa.	112
26. Aleppo, Pa.	109
27. Bellflower, Calif.	103

These churches increased by less than 100 per cent

28. Manheim, Pa.	94.5
29. Dallas Center, Iowa	91.1
30. Bothell, Wash.	87.2
31. San Diego, Calif.	85.8
32. Pompano Beach, Fla.	84.6
33. Dayton, Ohio (First)	68.2
34. Osceola, Ind.	65.0
35. Akron, Ohio (First)	63.9
36. La Puente, Calif.	60.0
37. Phoenix, Ariz.	59.9
38. Sunnyside, Wash.	59.8
39. Yakima, Wash.	58.2
40. Cleveland, Ohio	54.4
41. Altoona, Pa. (First)	54.2
42. Lansing, Mich.	49.1
43. Fort Myers, Fla.	43.2
44. Jackson, Mich.	43.0
45. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	42.6
46. Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	41.6
47. Brookville, Ohio	38.4
48. Grandview, Wash.	37.4
49. Elkhart, Ind.	35.0
50. Lancaster, Pa.	34.9
51. Berne, Ind.	34.8
52. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	34.4
53. Clay City, Ind.	33.8
54. Washington, Pa.	32.3
55. Sacramento, Calif.	32.1
56. Canton, Ohio	30.4
57. Hollins, Va.	30.2
58. Rialto, Calif.	25.7
59. Grafton, W. Va.	25.4
60. Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	22.7
61. Jenners, Pa.	22.2
62. Virginia Beach, Va.	22.0
63. Gardena, Calif.	21.3
64. Limestone, Tenn.	21.2
65. Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	20.7
66. Peru, Ind.	20.0
67. St. Petersburg, Fla.	20.0
68. Margate, Fla.	19.2
69. Glendale, Calif.	18.1
70. Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	17.4
71. Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	17.1
72. Flora, Ind.	16.8
73. Goshen, Ind.	15.3
74. Wheaton, Ill.	15.1
75. Bell, Calif.	14.8
76. Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	14.7
77. Palmyra, Pa.	14.5
78. Sellersburg, Ind.	13.0
79. Wooster, Ohio	12.0
80. Whittier, Calif. (Community)	11.6
81. Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	11.2
82. Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	11.0
83. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	10.5
84. Troy, Ohio	10.3
85. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	10.1
86. Albuquerque, N. Mex.	9.8
87. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	7.3
88. Alto, Mich.	6.5
89. Conemaugh, Pa.	6.4
90. Leon, Iowa	6.4
91. Ankenytown, Ohio	6.1
92. Albany, Ore.	6.0
93. York, Pa.	5.8
94. Taos, N. Mex.	5.4
95. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	5.1
96. Camden, Ohio	4.8
97. Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	4.5
98. Beaumont, Calif.	4.2
99. Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	3.1
100. Kettering, Ohio	3.0
101. Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	2.5
102. Clayhole, Ky.	2.3
103. Fillmore, Calif.	1.8
104. Ozark, Mich.	1.7
105. Buena Vista, Va.	1.7
106. Duncansville, Pa.	1.6
107. Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	1.6
108. Everett, Pa.	1.4
109. Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	1.1
110. Leesburg, Ind.	.7
111. Tracy, Calif.	.4
112. Winchester, Va.	.1

By Rev. Phillip Guerena

MEET VICTOR X!

Saint Paul boldly stated that he was not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. Paul must have seen many miraculous changes in the lives of hardened sinners through the power of the Gospel. It is little wonder that he could shamelessly proclaim to the Roman church that the Gospel was God's dynamite to re-create sinners into saints. After seeing this sudden, high-explosive impact upon the lives of men, one must certainly agree with Sinner Paul saved by grace.

One such radical change happened recently in the life of "Victor X," Mexican husband, father, and student. Before he experienced the power of the Gospel in his life, he was a very discouraged young man. He would go through his religious rites, only to come out feeling more weary with sin than ever. He tried praying to great men of the Bible and of the church, but the burden of sin was never removed. These ceremonies went on for years without any results or change in his character.

Then came the day when Victor's search for peace with God turned into bitterness. Religion was an empty thing for him which only tried to soothe his conscience. At home, his young wife already had left him five times and was getting ready to pack up for the sixth and last trip. The youngest of his four children needed an operation, and his wife was expecting their fifth child. Then, finally, Victor's health broke and he himself needed an operation. But through these eight years of marriage he had finished junior high school and was terminating high school before beginning his university career toward a law degree. He did his studying at night and worked in a bank during the day.

When he was presented with the good news of what Jesus had done and wanted to do for him, Victor could not believe it. After a few explanations of key Bible verses, he was able to say, "Here it is in my own Bible; how blind I have been!" The verse that spoke to him the most was Jesus' own invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). That day the angels in heaven sang again with joy because another lost sheep had been found by the Good Shepherd. Victor went home rejoicing.

When he reached home, however, he found that his wife and children had left "for good"—so read the note. He searched for scriptural advice concerning his plague. He found the advice in Ephesians, chapter 5, where he was admonished that he should love his wife as himself, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

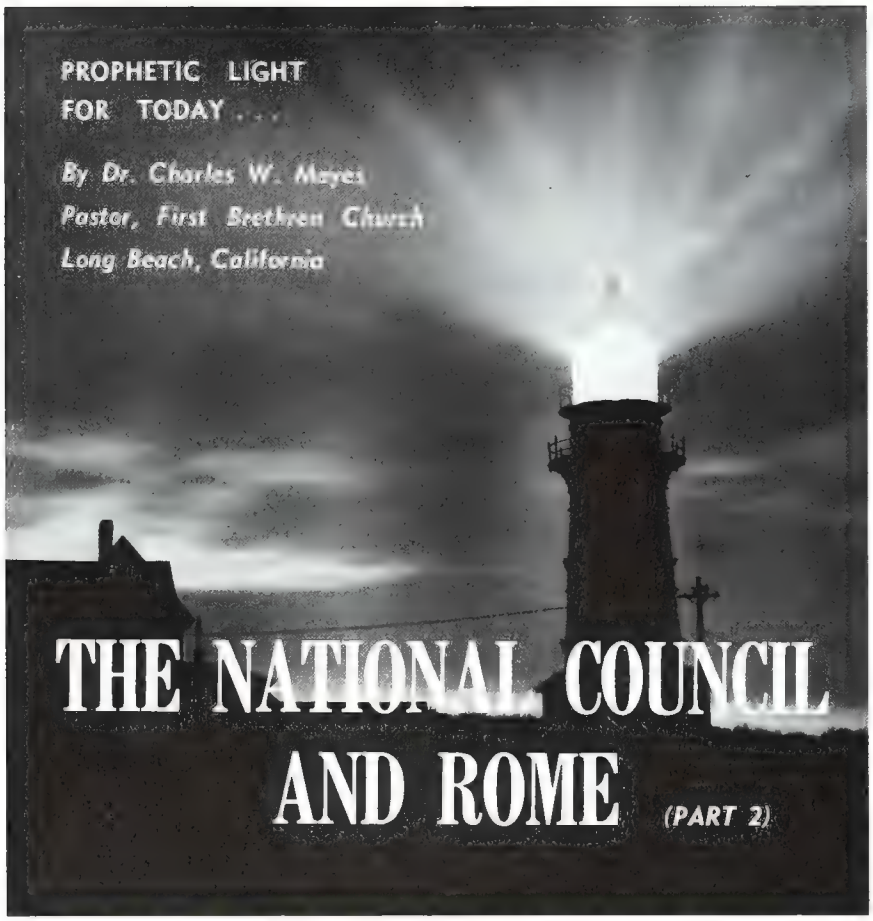
Victor found his wife and told her that he loved her. She did not believe him. After a few days of "Yes, I do love you," and "You don't, either!" he was ready to put aside Jesus and the Bible. But after he realized that it was Christ in the believer who conquers, things were better. And his wife returned home.

She saw a new life in her husband. Finally she, too, accepted the Saviour. Prayer was being offered for the health of the head of this home and his young son. Soon both of them were completely healed without operations. There was no question about this—it was divine intervention. The wife of the home was also transformed. She even submitted to her husband instead of fighting with him. To climax things, she begged forgiveness from her mother-in-law for being so mean in the past. The mother-in-law is still looking on in disbelief—not only for the confession but also for the wonderful turn-over in the home of her son. Even though she does not agree with her son about Christ, she has no arguments about the new home she sees.

This young couple was baptized in December of 1965. For taking this step with Christ, the wife of the home was almost completely disowned by her family. She tried to explain that she was not following a church or a religion but only Jesus Christ. However, they refused to listen to her. The man of the house became a "witnessing fool." He told all his relatives of the change that only Christ can make in a life and home. When he hears a sermon, he often repeats it to his cousins and friends. Some of his in-laws have told him they like to come to his home because they do not get drunk there as they did in past times. This married couple is very faithful in church attendance, along with their five children. They have both said that this past year with Christ has been the happiest in all of their married life.

Recently there was a lack of money in this home. Victor took out the Bibles and hymn books and held a family church service. The purpose of the occasion was to ask the Lord for the supplying of their needs. In the middle of the worship time, the mailman knocked at the door. He had a twenty-dollar check for Victor from his sister in the States.

Now he can shout with Saint Paul: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"! ▼



What About Differences?

As the dialogues continue in an effort to bring the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestants together, there are certain problems which arise. One side or the other must make some adjustment. Frequently it appears that Rome is softening and moving somewhat toward the Protestant position. However, these Roman Catholic concessions may really mean very little.

Concerning Indulgences

About the difference between Rome and Protestantism, Fernando Cardinal Cento of the Vatican's Sacred Penitentiary has stated that Protestants "remember well the abuses in Luther's day that in part led to his break with Rome in 1517. At least since the 17th century the Orthodox likewise have objected to the whole practice of indulgences, noting that among Catholics it often caused superstition. Theologians found the justification of the practice to be rather doubtful. Now attention is being drawn to the spirit of love, generosity and good works. Indulgences will no longer be granted for the wearing of objects of piety. Emphasis is rather being placed on the personal intentions with which they are used."

Is This the Answer?

It should be noted that there is no promise to remove the unscriptural practice of indulgences, but rather to take away the part which is offensive to the Protestants. For those who have Biblical convictions this is not the answer.

Ecumenism Continues

In an eastern city a report states, "Catholics and Protestants prayed and sang together here last night at one of the nation's first ecumenical services. The historic service was held at the Irondequoit United Church of Christ where priests and ministers alike led prayers, a Presbyterian choir sang and a Jesuit preached the sermon. Sponsored by six Protestant and three Catholic churches of West Irondequoit, the service marked the first local implementation of the decree on ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council. It called on Catholics not only 'to engage in dialogue and in other common witness' with other churches, but also to pray for the cause of Christian unity. A Catholic authority observed Catholics have attended services in each other's churches in the past, but he believes this is the first time anywhere they have planned and conducted a service in a Protestant house of worship. In his sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Clark, S. J., professor of dogmatic theology at Woodstock College, described developments in the Catholic Church that are influencing communication with the Protestant churches. He was introduced by Rev. David Cull, pastor of Summerville Presbyterian Church. The benediction was given by the host pastor, Rev. Harleigh Rosenberger."

The Real Issue

What is the basis for final authority? Bible believing Protestants say it is God's Holy Word. Roman Catholics say it is the Bible plus tradition. A world church will come only when one of these two views is changed. There may be yet one other way: that is if one of the two groups gains sufficient political power to annihilate the other.

The Bible reveals that a world church will come. Not the appearance of a one-world church, but the appearance of the risen Lord, is the blessed hope of true believers. ▼

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Mrs. Gilda Yoder and Albert Yoder, Feb. 27, Salisbury, Pa.

Judy Rouzee and John Raidt, March 4, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Eileene Faye Sybert and Walter Ernest Moore, March 25, Los Altos Brethren Church, Los Altos, Calif.

Carol J. Hoak and Michael E. Mayes, March 26, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Elaine Fausnight and Lt. David Evans, April 9, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Cynthia Karpinsky and James Bryant, April 9, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

No man whom God has greatly used in His work has advocated social dancing. That includes the history of the church as well as the present time. Wesley, Moody, and all other men of their spiritual caliber have considered it worldly and have taken a firm stand against it.

No fundamental Bible institute, college or seminary allows its faculty, staff, or student body to participate in or even to attend dances.

No fundamental church accepts dancing but rather takes a forthright stand against it.

Why?

Young people do not like to be told that something is wrong without being given a good reason. The following quotations should give them the answers to their questions.

"Physiologically, dancing is a vent for excitement, and stimulates excitement . . . sexual impulses are excited by dancing" (*Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*).

"The social dance, then, can be designed as love-dancing. It is the expression of the sex philosophy of a given period. We must consider the social dance as a manifestation of the sex psychology and philosophy of the time" (*Textbook of Social Dancing*).

"The social dance has usually been the result of joint physical exuberance and sex stimuli" (*Colliers Encyclopedia*).

"There can be scarcely any doubt that dancing came about as an adjunct of sexual stimulation" (*Medical Review of Reviews*).

"The confessional reveals the fact that nearly every known lapse of female virtue is traceable to the dance" (*Roman Catholic Archbishop Spaulding*).

Disobedient Christians

To dance or to attend a dance is deliberately to disobey all of the authority of the teachings of the Bible concerning separation and is to disregard the teaching of your own church.

It is to sin deliberately against God who gave us the Bible, against Jesus Christ who shed His blood for our salvation, and against the Holy Spirit who convicts us of even the thoughts of such insubordination.

It is evidence to all that your religion is not as real and is not as meaningful as you claim. This will cause people to lose respect for you as a Christian, for your church that preaches one thing but practices another, for your pastor whose spiritual authority is not even respected by those of his own membership, for the Bible whose authority of promise you profess to accept but whose authority of precept you ignore, and for Christ whom you love but whose Lordship you reject.

Whom It Hurts

It hurts you to attend dances. In your heart you know it is wrong and to do that which you believe to be wrong sears your conscience, grieves the Holy Spirit, and breaks your fellowship with God.

It hurts the unsaved when you attend a dance. It causes them to lose respect for your Christianity, your church, your pastor, the Bible, and even for Christ himself. Having lost this respect, they will certainly never desire to be saved.



It hurts the church when you attend a dance. The older Christians are disappointed in you. Your testimony is no longer the blessing it once was to them. Your ministry, whether it is singing, playing an instrument, leading in prayer, or whatever, loses its effect. The younger Christians are especially hindered. If it's all right for you to attend a dance once a year, what's wrong with them attending once a week? If you show them by your conduct that our stand against dancing is meaningless, you plant the question in their mind that perhaps our stand against tobacco, alcoholic beverages, movies, petting, and so forth, is really just talk which is not meant to be obeyed.

What It Costs

What will it cost to attend the prom? Here is an itemized statement:

1. It will cost you your peace of mind—you can't have peace of mind when you are on enemy territory.

2. It will cost you your testimony—the unsaved know that a genuine Christian doesn't attend dances.

3. It may cost some unsaved person his soul—he has silently been watching you, but now you have shown him your Christianity isn't real.

4. It will cost you your ministry among other Christians—you can't be a blessing to others when you are living below Christian standards.

5. It will cost your church—you have shown the world that your church doesn't practice what it preaches. No one wants to attend a church like that.

6. It will cost you your fellowship with Christ—He demands your separation, but you have deliberately disobeyed Him. Such is sin and sin breaks fellowship with God.

7. It will cost Christ—you have accepted Him as the Lord of your life, but now you are telling Him you don't want his Lordship.

What You Gain

What will you gain by going to the prom? You will gain the "enjoyment of the pleasures of sin," but, remember, such enjoyment is but "for a season" (Heb. 11:25).

Conclusion

Young person, the decision is yours and your parents'. The gain is small, the cost is great, and the consequences have eternal implications. As a pastor, it is my responsibility before God to urge you as strongly as possible to "deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:12-14). ▼

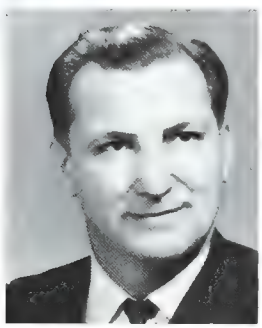
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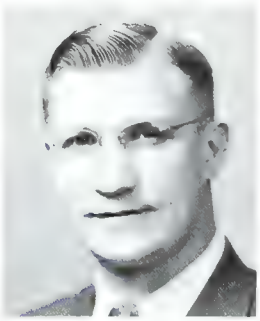
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Evening Bible Hour Speaker

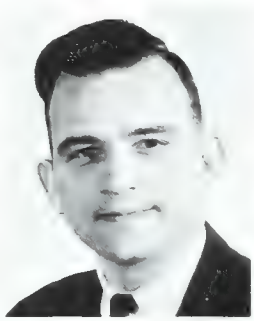
Dr. Allen was born in Liverpool, England. After coming to America, he entered the business world. Soon after his conversion and call to the ministry, he entered Philadelphia College of Bible and graduated in 1937.

He is currently pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hazel Park, Michigan. Average Sunday school attendance is nearly 2,000.

Rev. Bill Smith, Director of Evangelism, states: "This man of God, with his vast knowledge and memorization of the Scriptures, will thrill and bless your life."



Dr. Bernard Schneider



Rev. Paul Fink



Rev. Harold Penrose

"As for Me and My House" Joshua 24:15

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Missionary Day of Prayer
(Foreign and Home Missions)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Sunday School Convention

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 a.m.—Pastor's and Superintendent's Breakfast
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School Convention
7:45 p.m.—Opening session of conference—Vice-moderator's address: "As for Me and My House." Rev. Dean Fetterhoff

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
WMC
Brethren Ministerium
Laymen
9:30 a.m.—Foreign Missionary Society corporation meeting
10:15 a.m.—Moderator's address: "The State of the Church." Rev. Richard Grant
11:00 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—foreign missions
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Special feature (film, slides, etc.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Home Missions Council corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Dr. Bernard Schneider. Subject: "The Discipline of the Christian Home."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Home Missions Council
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Special feature

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Grace Schools corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. Harold Penrose. Subject: "The Influence of the Christian Home on the Community."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Grace Schools
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Special feature

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Missionary Herald Co. corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. Paul Fink. Subject: "Training in the Christian Home for Christian Service."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Board of Evangelism
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Special feature

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. John Zielasko. Subject: "Unique Virtues of the Christian Home."
10:45 a.m.—Final business meeting
Afternoon—Missionary Helpers' Club rally
7:00 p.m.—Youth challenge hour

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30 a.m.—Sunday school (all classes studying missions)
10:45 a.m.—Worship service (message on missions)
2:30 p.m.—All missions rally
7:00 p.m.—Special missionary feature

GROWING UP!



By Mrs. Marie Umbower

As a new mother I have found the past ten months filled with first-time experiences, and they have been a joy and blessing to my heart. As I have watched our little daughter grow and develop, many precious truths of the Word have become more meaningful to me. God's Word uses practical illustrations and experiences to help us understand its message better, and in many places it refers to the "babe" or "child" in the Christian life.

It was a delightful moment when I saw my baby for the first time and reflected upon the miracle of birth. What a beautiful baby she was to me! Is it hard to imagine the joy in heaven over the repenting sinner whom God created and for whom He sent His Son to die? God's Word tells us that "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). When we are born again, we receive spiritual life but we are born as babes and need to grow.

Of course, the doctor's formula for my little one was not T-bone steaks, but milk; and I didn't need to teach her that she should drink it. As we begin to grow in our spiritual lives, we need to have a yearning desire for or longing after the Word of God (I Peter 2:2). Reading the Word, pondering over it and applying it to our lives so that our appetite becomes whetted stimulates our spiritual growth.

The day DeeAnn smiled back at me and recognized my face was memorable. She was beginning to communicate. As growing Christians we need to talk to our heavenly Father and bring our thanksgiving, requests, and burdens to Him. We are exhorted to "pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17). It should be as natural as breathing itself. The more we exercise this communion with our Saviour, the more natural it will become; and as we lay our burdens and cares at His feet, we will experience the peace and rest of walking step by step with Him.

It wasn't long before my baby began to grow. First, she was rolling over, then sitting up; crawling and walking were next on the list. Her exercising and continual trying made her stronger. Reading and studying the Word and praying daily will make us grow, but to become stronger we must witness and testify. This is the exercise we need in our spiritual life for growth and it will be the outcome of our closeness with the Lord. Each of us has been given a distinct way or gift of giving out the gospel and the Lord can and wants to use each of us for His glory.

There is one other important thing for our spiritual growth along with studying the Word, praying and witnessing, and that is the fellowship with other believers. A baby needs the atmosphere of a family with the love of his father and mother in order to develop a balanced personality. By assembling ourselves together and uniting in love with other believers, we can add to our spiritual growth.

I know that if DeeAnn would stop growing I would seek medical advice immediately. How many Christians have been saved five, ten or fifteen years and yet have showed no signs of spiritual growth and seem to be doing nothing about it? Many will be ashamed to stand before the Saviour and appear as babes.

Our standard of spiritual stature is Christ himself. To be like Him—what a goal to strive for! "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ . . . but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:13, 15). "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). ▼

Mother, Do You Work Away From Home?

By Mrs. Fenton Snell
President, Masimer WMC
Palmyra, Pennsylvania

In this age of materialism it looks as if we have lost our vision of being mothers. Why? Our Adversary (I Peter 5:8) has gradually taken our eyes off our great responsibility of motherhood and focused them on the things of this world.

As mothers who are employed away from home let us ask ourselves a few questions. How urgent is it that we work? Where are we going? What are we accomplishing? Do we simply desire to feel that we're doing something important by being "on the job" from eight to five? Some may say, "Why, it makes me feel as if I'm contributing to the good of my community and I'm getting paid for it besides."

Has Satan subtly made such an impact on our lives that we feel we're contributing to our home life by working? Some jobs taken by women may be a definite leading of the Lord for a special reason. How about yours? Are we so busy about our own business that we have no time for our Father's?

Oh? You witness at work? This may be well and good, but how about those little ones who rush in the door and call, "Hey, Mom, I'm home" to an empty house? Remember the smell of homemade bread and warm peanut butter cookies after school and the loving arms when you ran in the door? Remember the mountain of things you liked to talk about with Mom? Ever try it with a baby sitter or a TV set?

Too often now the argument is, "Look at all I'm doing for my family. Why, we can buy our bread and cookies now. The children's toy box

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By Mrs. William P. Heath

Pastor's Wife at Knott's Berry Farm

BERRIES and BLESSINGS

Knott's Berry Farm! Just the mention of this place brings a feeling of nostalgia. The little old red schoolhouse, the grist mill, the general store, the stagecoach, and many other things are there to show us how our country lived 50 years ago. There is so much to see and enjoy that one could spend several days just strolling the paths, in the shade of giant eucalyptus, sycamore, elm, and other trees not so familiar to us. It is truly an education for the younger generation, and the older folks can spend their leisure reminiscing former days. The farm is really a city in itself with even its own government post office. Many fine specialty shops dot the grounds. It is amazing to know that the Knott family built this business completely on their own, beginning with a roadside berry stand.

On the farm near the Indian village is the Inspiration House, where Christian books, records, cards, plaques, and Bibles can be purchased. Over the bridge is the "Chapel by the Lake," where small groups can watch a large picture of Christ "come to life" while the story of His life is being told. In the same area is the Mission Trail, with a small replica of the early missions of California. In the center of all of this is the tall white "Church of Reflections," where my husband serves as pastor. As you walk in, you see on the east wall a lovely stained glass window picturing Christ as the Shepherd. (This was given to the Knotts by their employees.) With the lovely red carpet on the rostrum, a grand piano on one side and an electric organ on the other, it makes a lovely picture.

Mr. Knott has a church service for his employees and visitors at 11:15. Employees may take off from work at the farm to attend. The minister is hired by Mr. Knott. Our Sunday school meets at nine o'clock and the worship service at ten. This is the loveliest time of the day. There is plenty of parking and everything is so quiet. If you want to eat breakfast "out," the Garden Room and the Cable Car Kitchen are open. The whole atmosphere gives a sense of tranquility. It reminds me of the verse in Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God." The words "be still" mean to let go. Let go our heavy burdens and know that He is God. He can handle the situation. No matter how we finagle, there seems no way out of our maze. Then His voice speaks: "Be still." Cease your struggling; be assured that I am the Almighty One. The first verse of Psalm 46 says: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." When we put our trust in Christ, then God is truly our refuge and He can lead us by the still waters of Psalm 23. Let us "let go" our plans and ambitions, and let Him lead as we begin each day.

As we walk to the church enjoying the beauties of nature and reveling in His love, we are soon joined by others. From time to time we have large groups visit, such as scouts, newsboys, departments from a nearby church, and folks from far and near from all walks of life. These come to visit Knotts and start their day in worship at the church.

To help our visitors feel at home there are small signs to indicate where each class belongs. The nursery and kindergarten meet in the train depot, adults in the church, and one primary class in a room behind the rostrum. The others meet in the covered wagons, or the wagon circle when a class is too large for the wagons.

We have a regular membership as well as those who come because they enjoy hearing the gospel as it is presented. Some come for the winter only and we enjoy seeing them. I'm thinking of one couple especially whose love for Christ and the Word shines on their faces. Their testimony is often on their lips: "Isn't He wonderful!"

Because of the nature of our work it is rather difficult to keep in touch with visitors. Being in the adult class helps us to get acquainted with those who come only to Sunday school. When we are friendly and try to remember names, folks feel more comfortable.

In many ways our church is like any other church where the Word of God and the Living Word are loved and honored, and the pastor's wife has about the same responsibilities and opportunities. We often have prayer meeting and Bible study, young people's, board meetings and get-togethers at our house. There are phone calls regarding weddings and funerals with arrangements to make and appointments to set up. Our home is always open and we love having it that way.

I have spent most of the past 24 years caring for my family. There was a time when I was miserable and frustrated, feeling I was failing the Lord. I resented the children because they kept me from being active for the Lord. God used the late Dr. DeHaan to speak to my heart and give me a new joy; he pointed out that God never intended the mothers to be out going and doing, even though it be for a good cause. We have a tremendous job not only caring for our family's physical needs but also their spiritual needs. The realization of this fact marked a great turning point in my life and taught me to put the emphasis where it belonged.

As we yield to the Lord in everything and every situation, He gives us His peace; the Holy Spirit can then fill us, and our lives will manifest the fruit of the Spirit: "love,

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"For Members Only"

By Mrs. Robert Ashman

National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer

How we praise the Lord for WMC and the women who make up the organization. How we thank Him for the many things He has enabled us to do in past years. Truly it can be said that we are missionary minded, and so our program as well as our goals are geared to missions. We believe many souls have been reached for Christ through WMC.

As financial secretary-treasurer of WMC there is a burden I would like to share with you. As we see the offerings coming in and goal after goal attained, we rejoice because God has led, and women have allowed themselves to be led to give generously and sacrificially to His work. However, there is one goal we have never met. You might ask, "Is the goal set too high?" Much prayer and consideration is given these goals that are proposed by the Executive Committee and adopted by the conference. We know you women pray as you give; therefore we believe there is a definite reason why we do not meet our *General and Publication* offering goal.

But why? There do not seem to be any valid excuses. The thought has come that perhaps this matter needs clarification, because WMC women do pray, work and give when there is a need.

G. and P. at first glance is not a very glamorous project. However, let us see what all is accomplished through these gifts.

Printing takes a large slice from our G. and P. offering. The WMC pages in the *Missionary Herald* are paid for from these funds. The printed page is very potent in reaching those who do not listen to the spoken word. As Christian women who read and enjoy our *Herald,* we should also feel the responsibility of passing it on to others. (As homemakers we realize the importance of getting our money's worth, and this is one way to stretch our dollars.) Do you use the Herald *Annual,* where valuable information is at your fingertips? This item alone is priceless in the work of WMC.

Can you imagine for a moment what our WMC would do without program packets, pen pointers, conference programs and materials, and receipts you receive for your money? As our group grows there is a need for more and more printing. Do you realize all the worth that is contained in your program packets? Please take time really to get acquainted with the contents of your packet. It simplifies your work and that of your national officers as well. Look especially for the financial sheet and send the blanks in with your offerings. I am certain if you use the contents of the packet you will never want to be without it.

May I tell you something alarming? As valuable as our Pen Pointers are to the work and as difficult as it might be to do without them, we cannot afford to have them reprinted this year. Two of the series are entirely gone and the supply of several others will soon be exhausted. Surely we do not desire this sort of condition to continue.

The postage for mailing all these materials, the correspondence for national officers, and letters to local councils are items of expense, also. Our organization is large enough to use bulk mailing rates so we have cut down considerably on mailing costs.

Occasionally an emergency arises and a phone call is necessary, but these items are kept at a minimum. A small expense is the insurance and bond for the financial secretary-treasurer. The amount of money she handles makes this a feasible expenditure.

In order to have a well planned and organized program for the work, it is necessary for the Executive Committee to meet twice a year and the board once a year. You women have graciously voted to pay mileage and a small amount toward the officers' expenses for these meetings and for national conference. This has resulted in much better attendance at these meetings, which is certainly an asset to any group with the responsibilities of planning for the Lord's work.

As we analyze this account we see how these expenses lay a foundation for our missionary accomplishments. Each year 15 per cent of this offering is given for a definite missionary project.

By now you may be asking why this was not brought to your attention sooner. Our national conference has voted to move from Winona Lake, Indiana, to other states every five years. This was true this past year, and it has entailed added expense to the extent that our G. and P. fund is quite "embarrassed." If we would meet this goal each year we could care for this additional expense quite adequately.

As Christian women wanting to heed the admonition of our Lord by doing everything decently and in order, I am sure you will care for the matter as you pray and give during the months of June, July and August. The blessings will be ours as we obey Matthew 10:8: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

"Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all" (I Tim. 4:15, A.S.V.). ▼

General and Publication Fund

June--July--August

BRAZIL!

MY UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE OF VISITING ITS MISSION POINTS

By Mrs. Dean Risser

The invitation of our missionary, Bill Burk, to come and visit him and his family at Quatipuru, Brazil, seemed very unrealistic if not amusing. Yet the Lord knew that our heart's desire in years past had been to serve Him in Brazil. When He laid it upon the heart of one of His own to send not only my husband to Brazil, but me also—again, this did not seem real. But as final preparations were made, Psalm 37:4-5 became very real: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Why the Lord was so good to us, I do not know, but I am very grateful.

Our arrival in Belem, Brazil, was during the early morning hours before dawn. As we were waiting to go through customs, I noticed a skinny dog come strolling in, but no one seemed to mind. The air was warm and humid, not unlike Florida. As we scanned the waiting faces, how glad we were to see familiar ones—the Altigs, Barbara Hulse, Randy Maycumber, Ralph Schwartz and even two of the Schwartz children!

The hospitality of all of the missionary families will long be remembered. We enjoyed many different foods, such as "abricor" and other tropical fruit—even red-skinned bananas. We ate "sururu" (small mussel or clam), "couve" (spinach-like leaf), "cara" (root vegetable), "farina," and others. After smelling and seeing the farina being made, I was not sure I was glad I had eaten it. The fellowship in the homes of the missionaries will always be cherished. The amazing love that our Brethren missionaries have for these native people can only come from the Lord. The poverty, the primitive way of life of many, and the strong indoctrination of Roman Catholicism could be very discouraging to an American.

One of our outstanding memories of Brazil is the wonderful work God has done in the lives of believers. We met five of the national pastors who were won to the Lord and trained by our missionaries. What a privilege it was to see one of them, Pastor Trinity, baptize a son-in-law and two daughters of a former witch doctor. The witch doctor had been won to Christ by the pastor. Testimonies from the Christians on the islands were thrilling.

One of these experiences I remember well, because I had to walk a plank that I thought I couldn't. It seemed bad enough to climb out of the boat and up a ladder to get into the house built on stilts over the water. These folks lived beside the Possom Island church. As we visited in the home, I noticed that one side of the house had no wall and



Waterfront scene—Belem

there was a treadle sewing machine near the edge. I assumed these people were accustomed to the sloshing of the water under the house. Also in the family were two teen-age daughters and a young boy.

Bill suggested we go next door to the church (which was also on stilts). To get there we had to walk across a plank—thin and narrow and long it looked to me. The man, Bill, and my husband went on across. I gulped. I could just see myself falling off and burbling to the bottom of the river. I could not speak Portuguese to the lady or girls to explain how I felt. One of the girls looked at me and then started across and reached out her hand to lead me across. This kindness I shall always remember. Safely in the church, we listened to testimonies of the father and family which gave all the glory to Christ who had changed their home.

Another believer sat in his bamboo home on stilts and told us of how happy he was in the Lord. As I sat on a wobbly, home-made chair and noticed the absence of worldly possessions and looked at the patched clothes and bare feet of these Christians, I marveled at their confidence and joy in the Lord. Their daughter is Pastor Trinity's wife and they have a son who is working with the Maycumbers. As the mother spoke of the way the Lord had supplied all their needs and given them all they wanted, I was reminded of I Timothy 6:6: "But godliness with contentment is great gain." As we left, the barefooted old man, in a gentlemanly manner, helped me down the notched log to get back into the boat.

As we went home Bill remarked that for many years he had not seen this part of the Amazon River so calm. I again marveled at the goodness of the Lord, because He knew how unseaworthy I really am.

The Lord made it possible for us to make the 200-mile trip across the Amazon to visit the Johnsons at Macapa. We were told that this was the dry season and upon leaving the plane I could see why. Everything was dry and powdered with dust. Yet here we found enthusiastic missionaries and believers serving the Lord.

We felt highly honored as we entered a chapel for an evening service and saw all the decorations that had been prepared for our coming. Tree branches were all around the room; miniature Brazilian flags and streamers were strung across the room. A special program was presented, including a skit (all in Portuguese, of course). This was a wonderful way to end a busy day of touring the town, seeing the equator marker, and visiting in the homes of some believers.

We were sorry to leave so soon this land of Brazil, but grateful that we were privileged to receive a glimpse of what God is doing in that far-away land. ▼

WMC Mail Gleanings

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The district held its annual WMC fellowship dinner on February 25 at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, and the spring rally was held on March 8 in the evening at the First Brethren Church of Camden. Mrs. Horace Mohler, co-editor, reported fine attendances and that the district project is assistance in buying gasoline for the Navajo missionary staff at Cuba, New Mexico. An offering was received for maintenance of the missionary residence at Winona Lake.

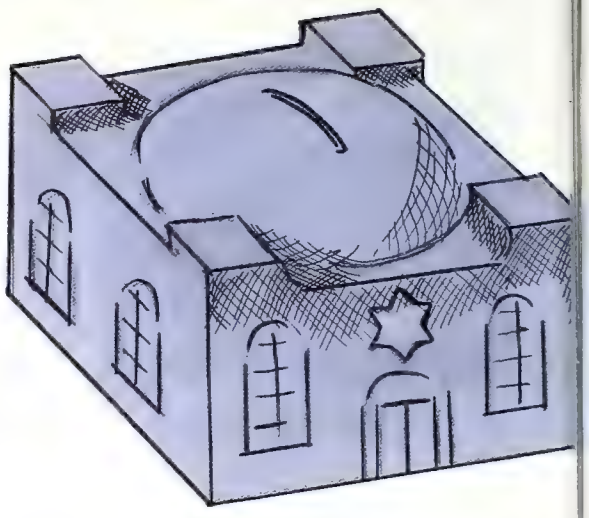
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT. Project Chairman Naomi Nunn indicates that their district goal is $800 ($400 to purchase a mimeograph machine for Puerto Rico and $400 for equipment at Grace College and Seminary).

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT. "Families for Missions" was the theme of the fellowship rally held at Winchester, Virginia, on April 1, when about 200 enjoyed an inspirational program and time of fellowship. District secretary Virginia Shingleton relates that the offering of approximately $75 will be sent to the Foreign Missionary Society to be used to help outfit a family who have been approved for foreign service.

INDIANA DISTRICT. At the Grace College Residence Hall dining room husbands and wives met on March 11 for the WMC spring banquet, with Paul Schumacher providing the music and a message on the work of gospel broadcasting. The district conference was held at Wheaton Grace Brethren Church April 21-23, with a special WMC luncheon at the Scanda House the first day. Miss Edith Geske gave a fine message, and Mrs. Harold Etling was elected district president for another year.

DID YOU SEND IN YOURS?

JEWISH THANK OFFERING, DUE JUNE 10



FREE BANKS!

If your council needs a supply of these blue pottery Jewish synagogue banks, the WMC presidents may order one for each lady. They are free and may be ordered from the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. *SAVE NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Africa—

Bruce Austin Robbins July 5, 1953
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Floyd Taber July 8
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Dr. Orville D. Jobson July 11
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Dr. Austin Robbins July 11
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Robert S. Williams July 15
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Orville D. Jobson July 21
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Wilma Esther Mason July 25, 1955
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Margaret Hull July 27
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Lois Ringler July 30
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Michael Stephen Marshall July 12, 1951
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina

Sylvia Monica Fay July 20, 1953
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Solon W. Hoyt July 29
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Mrs. Ralph R. Schwartz July 1
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Kenneth Paul Burk July 3, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mexico—

(Harold) Douglas Haag July 7, 1949
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Puerto Rico—

Jacqueline Elaine Dickson July 1, 1958
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919

In the United States—

Miss Florence Bickel July 10
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Rev. Don G. Hocking July 15
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

James Randall Hocking July 20, 1954
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Gail Bishop July 22, 1952
333 N. 10th Street, Sunnyside, Washington 98944

Miss Marian Thurston July 24
R. R. 1, Garwin, Iowa 50632



SMM NEWS

SUMMIT MILLS, PA. The Senior SMM of the Summit Mills Brethren Church is busily completing its goals. For one work project the girls met at the home of their patroness to make slippers out of wash cloths. These were sent to Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman in Puerto Rico. Now the girls are working to help the Senior WMC ladies refill the missionary chest for the coming missionary conference.

Studying the doctrines of The Brethren Church has become quite interesting. At each meeting questions from the booklet "Bible Truths" are asked the girls.

COVINGTON, OHIO. On March 8 the Troy WMC women and SMM girls met at the First Brethren Church of Covington with their women and girls. Devotions were led by Mrs. Sally Neely, pastor's wife from Troy. Green pencils with a Scripture verse engraved on them were given to the SMM girls. There were 40 in attendance. Refreshments were served in the basement as we enjoyed fellowship together.

DAYTON, OHIO. In January the Senior SMM girls of the First Brethren Church joined in with the Junior and Middler girls for a skating party at the Kettering Skating Rink.

We are busy now working on projects for our missionaries. The girls are hemming baby blankets for the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School, Cuba, New Mexico. At one meeting we mounted pictures from old greeting cards on construction paper for the Christian day school in Brazil. The girls also purchased crayons for the day school. We are saving all of our mothers' leftover colored thread to send to Taos, New Mexico. We are planning on doing several projects, sewing one, for our Puerto Rico mission field.



Junior SMM girls from Anaheim, California, at an SMM meeting.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Praise the Lord for our increase in attendance this past year; we have 12 members and more prospects. Our girls have had a busy winter. In November we decorated 36 bars of soap, and with donations from the WMC ladies we sent 54 bars of soap to Mrs. Walter Haag in Mexico. For our Christmas party we went caroling and took cookies to a nursing home. Last month we made Q.T. door hangers and plan to bring gifts for our missionary chest in April. We also want to help bring in the children's clothing for the Taos mission.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (Community Grace Brethren Church). Last month (March) our Junior SMM made 20 little gift holders and packed them with a pencil, comb and hankie. These will be sent to Puerto Rico.

The 15th of April we're looking forward to our mother and daughter tea. Our Senior and Middler girls will be showing clothing they have made, the Juniors will display their hobbies, and all will display projects for SMM this year. Mrs. Bettie Arthurs, who works with young girls under World Opportunity Inc., will be our guest speaker and will also sing.

YORK, PA. The Senior SMM girls are trying to complete all the Mary and Martha goals. We take turns writing to one of our SMM girls now attending Grace College and also to our former patroness and pastor's wife, Mrs. Herman Koontz, who is in Florida helping her husband start a new church. Some of our projects this year were decorating soap to send to the Mexican children and making cloth napkins to be used at communion. We are planning to make baby kimonos to send to Edith Geske in Africa. We

as SMM girls enjoy our opportunity to help the girls of dimly lighted regions through our missionary projects and our prayers.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA. The SMM of the Vicksburg Brethren Church has done several projects. First, we've bought material to make stuffed animals, which we are filling with foam rubber. These stuffed animals will then be sent to the children of Africa.

Second, we have sponsored a roller skating party. The money we received from that was put into our treasury.

Third, we have been taking care of the small children during our church services. We have two different nurseries, one for the children up to and including two years and one for children from three to five.

ALTOONA, PA. The Middler SMM of the First Brethren Church are planning to visit the shut-ins of the church. We are going to have a hymn sing. Several girls are going to pray and give testimonies. We are sure that the people will enjoy this as well as get a blessing out of it. And we will get a blessing for doing it for them.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Senior SMM of the Dayton First Brethren Church have been learning to knit. They are making green head bands and hope to make more knitted items after they learn better. They chose for their national project to send pot holders and hankies to Puerto Rico. They went skating once with our Middler and Senior group. We will be having our birthday rally soon and are looking forward to it.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The SMM spring rally was held March 11 in Sterling, Ohio. The devotional program was prepared and presented by the Sterling SMM girls. Miss Bertha Kuhn, Christian day school teacher in Mansfield, Ohio, was the speaker. She admonished the girls as Christians to build their house upon the rock, a firm foundation in the Lord Jesus Christ, as the wise man did in Matthew 7. She illustrated her talk with pictures and made the contrast with the foolish man, who built his house on sand. Kathy Laubender conducted the



Junior SMM girls from Warsaw, Indiana, working on projects.

business meeting, with a record of 197 answering roll call. (We thank God for answered prayer.) The district project offering was stressed, with which we will buy song books for our home-mission church in Columbus. Fifteen dollars will be put into the Brethren Investment Foundation, to be used in 1970 to send our president to national conference.

The Fairlawn church will be host for our summer picnic rally on Saturday, July 16.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Grace College SMM girls held their first meeting Sunday, February 13. The following officers were elected: Linda Beach, president; Karen Huntsman, vice-president; Joan Silvius, secretary-treasurer; Becky Shrock, prayer chairman. Our patronesses are Mrs. Harold Etling and Mrs. Marie Flickinger. We had 13 present at our meeting.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Middler SMM group of the North Long Beach Brethren Church is planning a mother and daughter tea in May for their mothers and their WMC prayer partners. Food will be planned and prepared by the girls. Clothes created by the girls will be modeled by them.

We have made aprons for Puerto Rico and New Mexico. We are now working on baby blankets for Cuba, New Mexico.

GARDENA, CALIF. On March 20 our Middler SMM group put on a sing for the people in our group. Our SMM president led us while we sang wonderful praises to the Lord. We served refreshments, after the service, that were made or bought by our girls. We sincerely hope to have another soon.

Mother, Do You . . .

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is full to overflowing, and they have a closet full of go-go boots to keep up with the styles. I can afford to go to the hairdresser once a week now and have my hair styled. Also, I can hire help with the ironing and house cleaning. Why, we're further advanced now than we ever were before. We've progressed!" Have we really? *"Mothers"*—that's an important word!

Let us live up to our calling. Let us be there when our children need us, and accept our God-given responsibility, privilege, and joy. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3). Motherhood is a 24-hour-a-day job, and the "pay" for serving at home is much more rewarding than outside employment. With strong convictions of motherhood I'll care for the spiritual and physical needs of my children. How about you? ▼

Berries and . . .

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joy, peace, gentleness, patience, generosity, fidelity, adaptability and self control" (Gal. 5:22, Phillips translation). We can pray and see God work. One sows, anothers waters, but God gives the increase, so that we are laborers together with Him. Being busy in church activities will not take the place of a living, loving relationship to Him. ▼

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DUE JUNE 10, 1966

NOTICE

Martha Goal number one, the work projects for Argentina, may be sent directly to the field.

CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE: During Aug. 15 to 21, 1966, the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene at Winona Lake, Ind., for its 77th annual conference. Church officials should be alerted to make arrangements for financial assistance for their delegates and pastors. This may well prove to be the greatest conference in Brethren history. Begin your planning now. Don't miss the blessings!

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. A new Brethren church was recently organized in the northwest corner of the city of Indianapolis. The new church is the natural outgrowth of a Bible class which had been held since the first of the year in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schrock. A full schedule of services was begun Sunday, April 17. Anyone interested in learning more about this new church may contact the pastor, Rev. Jerry Young, at 5640 W. 38th St., Indianapolis (Tel. 293-3372).

YAKIMA, WASH. On April 15 Mrs. Henry Rempel, wife of our Brethren pastor at Yakima, underwent major surgery for the removal of a malignant tumor; none of the major vital organs were affected. Upon recovery from the surgery, she was to receive special treatment. Prayer is requested for her complete recovery.

ALTOONA, PA. The Brethren Missionary Herald office has received an urgent request for prayer for Dr. R. L. Rossman who is seriously ill at his home, 2309 Broad Ave., Altoona, Pa. 16601. Dr. Rossman is a former pastor of the First Brethren Church here.

DAYTON, OHIO. In a week-long evangelistic crusade in March, conducted by Rev. Jesse Hendley of Atlanta, Ga., there were 56 public decisions, 20 of which were first-time confessions of faith in Christ. Crusade music was directed by Herb Hoover, nationally-known gospel singer and recording artist. As a result of the campaign the church has a large number of candidates awaiting baptism. Richard Burch, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. Warren Tamkin has resigned as pastor of the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church; he assumed his new pastorate at the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, Pa., on April 10.



NORWALK, CALIF. Pictured above are Rev. Howard Mayes, pastor of the Norwalk Brethren Church, and his father, Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor from Long Beach, who was speaker for his son's ordination service March 20. Many Brethren pastors from the surrounding area participated in the service. The Norwalk Sunday school observed the day by setting a new record high attendance of 509. During April and May Pastor and Mrs. Howard Mayes are participating in a tour of the Holy Land and Europe directed by Dr. Paul Bauman.

LONGVIEW, TEX. Eleven Brethren from various parts of the country set sail from New York April 19 aboard the S.S. *United States*. They are a part of the Le Tourneau College 37-day spring tour to Europe and Bible Lands. The Brethren are: Rev. Paul Dick, Winchester, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hearn, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes, Norwalk, Calif.; Rev. John Mayes and Mr. Homer Waller, Sunnyside, Wash.; Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman, Longview, who are serving as director and hostess; and Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Gingrich, Longview, who will assist in caring for the party of 96 people. Two former Brethren will also be in the party: Dr. and Mrs. Merle Halberg, formerly of Long Beach. This tour will have the distinction of being the first Christian group of any size to visit all of the sites for the seven cities of the Book of Revelation.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. There were two decisions for salvation and three for rededication during a recent week of meetings conducted by Evangelist Ron Thompson at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church. John Burns, pastor.

DENVER, COLO. Rev. Floyd Shiery, who recently retired from 25 years of service as a chaplain in the United States Air Force, is slowly recovering from a serious heart attack. He is in the Fitzsimmons Hospital at Denver. Rev. Shiery served as pastor of the La Verne, Calif., Brethren church for several years before entering the chaplaincy. He was making preparations to go on a Le Tourneau College tour of Europe and the Holy Land when the heart attack came.

CHANGE: Rev. and Mrs. Roy Glass, P. O. Box 264, Minerva, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Adam Rager, 825 S. Ermine St., Albany, Oreg. 97321. Rev. and Mrs. Warren Tamkin, 401 E. Lemon St., Elizabethtown, Pa. The new church clerk for the Grace Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., is Mrs. Chester A. Wampler, 239 E. Highland Ave., Tracy, Calif. 95376. The new telephone number of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Koontz is 219-453-4902. Please change *Annual*.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The district "Graduates' Banquet" is to be held Friday, May 20. The Heralds of Grace, a quartet from Grace Schools, is to provide special music for the semi-formal occasion, and David Miller, professor at Grace College, is to be speaker. James Dixon, district youth director.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Four members of a Whittier, Calif., family were killed in a recent traffic collision: Dr. and Mrs. Herold Capron and two of their sons. The other son, nine-year-old Robert, received broken arms and legs and a fractured skull. The entire family was active in the Community Brethren Church. Ward Miller, pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO. At the first

stop on their spring tour the Grace College choir presented an excellent concert at the Findlay Brethren Church March 28. The concert attracted a number of visitors from the surrounding area. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Moore have been called to be supervisors of the Residence Hall for Grace College, according to Arnold Kriegbaum, dean of students. They will assume their duties early in June. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farner, Jr., have faithfully served in this capacity during the past two years.

FLORIDA DISTRICT. Record and near record attendances were reached in the Florida District churches on Easter, with well over 900 in Sunday school in the six churches and 800 in the morning services. A number of decisions were recorded on Palm Sunday, and 23 were baptized.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. A one-week evangelistic campaign with Rev. Ron Thompson at the Grace Brethren Community Church closed March 20, with three decisions for salvation and two for rededication. Horace Mohler, pastor.

GLENDORA, CALIF. Rev. Archie Lynn, of Pasadena, Calif., held a one-week pre-Easter meeting in the Grace Brethren Church; as a direct result, three men were baptized April 10, one young woman came forward to rededicate herself to Christ, and three boys are awaiting baptism. Arthur Durr, pastor.

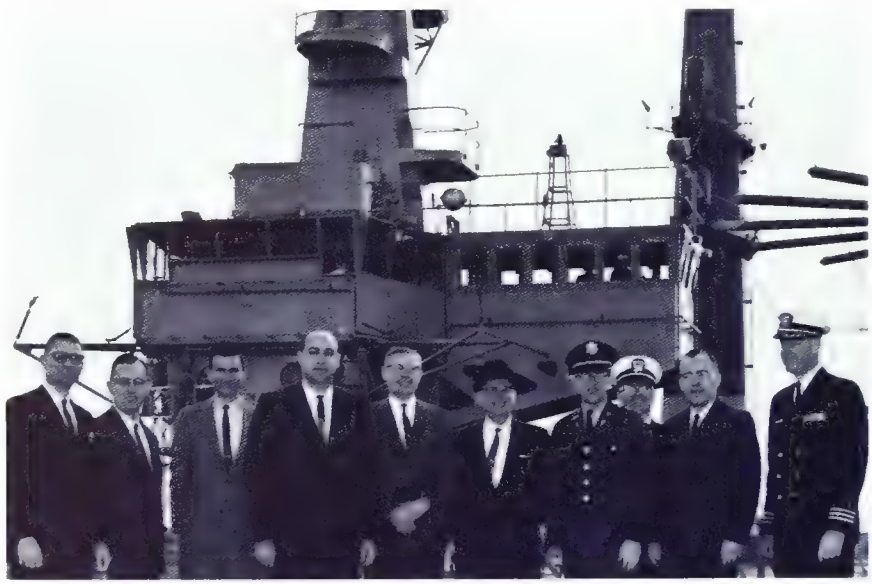
OSCEOLA, IND. Easter Sunday attendance at the Bethel Brethren Church was 382. There were 14 decisions for rededication and two for salvation, and five people were baptized. Scott Weaver, pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The Brethren churches at Middlebranch and Rittman, Ohio, engaged in a Sunday-school contest for six weeks during March and April. Middlebranch came out the winner by 21—with a total attendance for the six weeks of 1,536 as opposed to Rittman's 1,515—and on the final Sunday Middlebranch also set a new record with an attendance of 311. Wesley Haller is pastor at Middlebranch, Charles Turner at Rittman.

DENVER, COLO. The Grace Brethren Church broke the 300-mark on Easter Sunday with a total of 321 present for the two worship services; they also passed their $1,000-goal with a total of nearly $1,300 in the offerings of the day. Thomas Inman is pastor.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. Charles Thornton, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, Va., writes: "The Southeast District Youth Fellowship had a 'work retreat' at Camp Tuk-a-way (the new district camp) on April 7, 8, and 9. On Thursday night the film 'In His Steps' was shown. Friday had several hours of work in cleaning cabins, dining common, kitchen, storeroom, and grounds in preparation for summer activities. Four Grace College students gave a good report for Grace. About fifty district young people enjoyed this another 'first' for our district. An offering of $35 was received toward a district youth project to purchase books for the Navajo mission staff members. These books are to serve as a devotional and inspirational library."

FLORA, IND. Lee Dice, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, writes: "Rev. Jerry Day, of Columbus, Ind., held evangelistic meetings early in April. We invited our juniors and seniors to a teen breakfast on the last day of the crusade and had the Days give their testimonies concerning their call into full-time service. Easter morning the teens presented a play entitled 'At Early Dawn.' We observed 'Baby Sunday' on April 17, hon-



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. Ten ministers of the Southeast District Brethren Ministers' Fellowship joined the Navy for two days in March. On an invitation from Chaplain Lee Jenkins, they agreed to hold their monthly meeting aboard his ship, the USS *Wright*. After a short tour through the ship March 21, they were bedded down for the night. Reveille was at 6 a.m., and after breakfast all hands were taken topside to watch morning muster and see the ship get underway. The ministers held their meeting in the ship's chapel, which was a part of the crew's lounge. Before the business meeting was begun, the commanding officer, Captain R. H. White, brought greetings from the ship's officers and told of the unique mission of his command communication ship. Three of the officers spoke of their role in seeing that the various faiths had opportunity to worship. A men's trio and an organist, all crew members, presented special music.

Pictured above on the antenna deck with the ship's bridge as background are the district ministers; left to right they are Harold Arrington, Charles Hall, Lester Kennedy, Kenneth Teague, Raymond Kettell, K. E. Richardson, Chaplain John Schumacher, Chaplain Dale Brock, Wendell Kent, and Chaplain Jenkins. Carl Miller arrived too late to be in the picture but in time to conduct the business meeting. (Official U.S. Navy Photo.)

oring all babies who brought their parents."

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. In a week of special services at the Grace Brethren Church with Rev. M. L. Myers, ending Palm Sunday, there were 14 rededications of life, and about 19 young people publicly indicated a willingness to serve the Lord full time. In addition to these, three people accepted Christ as Saviour during the month of March, four rededicated their lives to Him, and five were baptized. The local WMC has provided carpeting for the sanctuary and has refinished the pews, and a new family in the church contributed and installed knotty pine paneling across the back of the sanctuary. Melvin Hobson, pastor.

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Rev. Homer Lingenfelter
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COMMENCEMENT
Wednesday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.
Speaker—
Dr. Myron Augsburger
President, Eastern Mennonite College
Harrisonburg, Virginia

BARBERTON, OHIO. Results of an evangelistic crusade held at the First Brethren Church of Norton by Evangelist Ron Thompson March 6 to 13 continued after the conclusion of the meetings. There were eight public decisions during the crusade. In a letter dated April 12 Pastor Irvin Miller reported that public decisions had been made every Sunday since the special meetings, with nine more confessions of faith in Christ and seven more rededications. Six persons have been baptized, and six new members have been taken into the church.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. Glenn Moore, pastor of the First Brethren Church, wishes to express his thanks to those who prayed for him during his recent illness, and to those who sent cards and gifts. His illness was not a severe heart attack, but was the tightening of the chest muscles and blood vessels; there was no damage to the heart. He has now reassumed full responsibilities.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The congregation of the Gay Street Brethren Church have voted to build an addition to the west wing of their building; a special Easter offering of about $600 has been applied to the project. Decisions are being made nearly every week, and two baptismal services have been held recently. An April communion service was attended by 92, the largest attendance so far. Gerald Teeter, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

McDONALD, Agnes, a faithful member of the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, died March 17. Services were held at the church. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

FLORA, Ervin, 93, the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Community Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, died March 18.
Horace Mohler, pastor.

MORR, Mrs. Fred (Maggie), 83, passed away March 22. She was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.
Jack Peters, pastor.

MUNCH, Mrs. Austin (Hettie), 80, died March 26. She had been a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for nearly ten years, and prior to this was a faithful member and worker in the Seven Fountains, Va., and Washington, D.C., Brethren churches. She and her husband had a definite part in helping to establish the Margate, Fla., Brethren church, to which she was faithful until her last illness. The Munches would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 8. Pastors Ralph Colburn (Fort Lauderdale) and Dean Risser (Margate) conducted her funeral.

MILLER, Charles R., 85, went to be with the Lord Dec. 17, 1965. Before his illness he faithfully attended the Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa. Robert Burns, pastor.

THEAKSTON, Mrs. Elizabeth, 86, of the Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa., died in March. A charter member of the Sunday school, she helped to get the church started by visiting from door to door.
Shimer Darr, pastor.

BELT, Wesley, 58, a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1921, suffered a fatal heart attack March 31. The funeral was held Monday, April 4, at the North Long Beach Brethren Church in order to make room for the many friends.
Charles Mayes, pastor.

ULLOM, Robert (Daddy Bob), 97, went to be with the Lord Dec. 15, 1965. He attended the Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.
Robert Burns, pastor.

ROOD, Mrs. Lesta, 64, died in March. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa., through the years, and until ill health intervened three years ago she seldom missed a service.
Shimer Darr, pastor.

PEPPER, Mrs. Lucie, a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1929, died April 2 after an extended illness. She had served in the church in music, teaching, and personal calling for many years. Charles Mayes, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

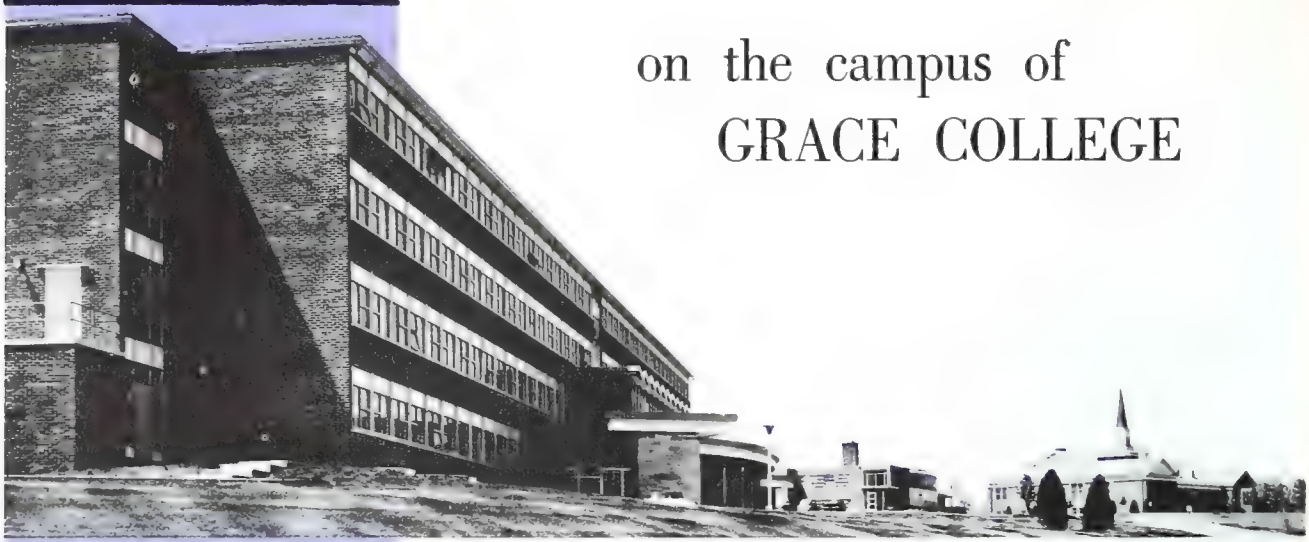
Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Cleveland, Ohio	May 15-22	Jesse Deloe	Randy Poyner
Washington, Pa.	May 15-22	Shimer Darr	Richard E. Grant
Margate, Fla.	May 22-29	Dean Risser	Wm. Tweeddale
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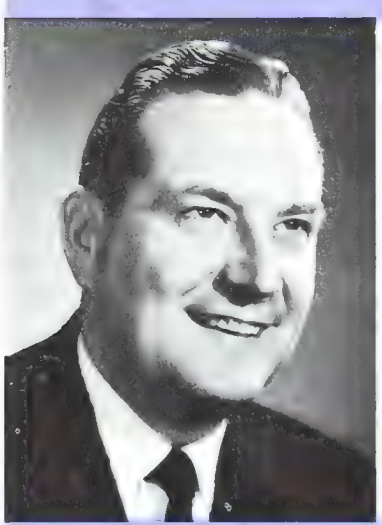
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Editorials

By Lester E. Pifer



Christian Radiance

A meteor raced across the sky along the eastern border of the nation. Police, radio and television switchboards lit up as the calls jammed the switchboards. Excitement ran wild as folks were alerted by the brilliant meteor emanating rays of beautiful color as it sped across the eastern sky.

Radiance is described by the dictionary as brightness shooting in rays, brilliance or splendor. The Bible indicates that the Christian ought to radiate the beauty and splendor of our blessed Lord. "God would make known . . . the riches of the glory of this mystery . . . which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God . . . in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15).

True Christian radiance is not a man-made piety. Such displays seen occasionally are easily identified as "put on," false and empty. Our Lord is not pleased with such sham and imitation.

True Christian radiance is borne out of a real, vital experience with God through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, which experience has been accomplished by the Holy Spirit. It begins with regeneration and progresses with the sanctifying work of God in human life (Titus 3:4-6; Col. 1:10-14).

The child of God has a new life, a new Saviour, a new Lord, a new salvation, a new joy, a new guidebook, and a bright new future. His new life is in Jesus Christ, founded upon Christ and controlled by Christ, his Lord. His future is glorious, leading to the grand climax of his redemption by the Captain of his faith (Heb. 2:10). He walks triumphantly, girded with the promises of the Word, guided by the direction of the Spirit, and supplied with resurrection power (Eph. 3:16-21).



COVER PHOTO

The Columbus, Ohio, building committee on ground-breaking day, April 10, 1966.

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The Christian is not devoid of the flesh, personality, weakness, problems of environment and even the attacks of Satan. Our Lord has graciously provided through Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the revelation of the Word the answer to every need. He has given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (II Peter 1:3). Really, there is not a moment in the Christian experience when the child of God, claiming God's enabling grace, cannot smile the radiance of living faith in Christ.

The Christian life is centered in Christ (Gal. 2:20). He is able (Eph. 3:20). He will not fail (I Peter 1:3-5). He will provide (James 1:5). He never leaves or forsakes (Ps. 37:28; Heb. 13:5). This leaves no room for the tools of Satan, such as discouragement, downheartedness, lack of joy, emptiness, the very opposites of Christian radiance. The Christian life is as certain as the existence of this universe—they are both in the hands and control of our Lord (Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2-3).

The Christian has his abundance in Christ. He has a wonderful Lord, a marvelous salvation and experience, a bright and glorious future. Therefore, he ought to be continuously thrilled to the depths of his being. His conversation, his walk, his testimony should radiate the enthusiasm and joy of his Saviour. Christ should continually dominate the thinking, expression and actions of the believer.

Are the expressions "Praise the Lord," "Amen," "Isn't He a wonderful Saviour," "Thank you, Lord," "Praise His name," and so forth, outmoded in this day? Did not the prophets, David the psalmist, the apostles Paul and Peter speak much about our Lord? Reading from their pens one cannot miss the excitement, the joys, the thrill and the radiance they had from their Lord. The Bible truths concerning the Christian life give abundant evidence that this is the tenor of the Christian experience.

In the midst of a sinful, crooked and perverse nation there is a real need for more Christian radiance. We must reveal the real joys, truths and blessings of our new life to those who do not know Christ. The daily revelation of this confident happiness of a life with Christ will speak vividly to those in need. It will increase the quest for the truth about salvation. It will encourage the weaker believers and strengthen the stronger. May our Christian radiance as the meteor in the sky emanate the beauties of our wonderful Lord and create in this world a desire for the answer to spiritual needs. ▼

The Columbus Challenge

By Rev. Dave Hocking, Pastor

Ohio's capital city, with a population second only to that of Cleveland, represents a tremendous challenge for the work of Brethren Home Missions. In a city of 511 Protestant churches, it is amazing that there are so few Bible-believing churches. The church membership rolls of these churches in comparison with the population of the city give one of the worst percentages in the nation. It has been estimated that 64 per cent of the population of the Greater Columbus area have no church affiliation at all.

The Grace Brethren Church began with a Bible study conducted by Rev. Nathan Meyer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Forrest. The Bible study was held during the summer of 1964. Early in that summer, on the 11th of June, the present pastor, along with Rev. Lester Pifer of the Brethren Home Missions Council, were invited to visit the class. It was on that night that a call was extended to Rev. Dave Hocking to be the first pastor of the group of people meeting there. After much prayer and consideration of the opportunity, Rev. Hocking and his family moved to Columbus on September 12, 1964, and began the first Sunday services on September 13.

During that first month, when the attendance figures were in the twenties, it became evident to the newly-formed Grace Brethren Church that a larger meeting place would be necessary if they were to grow. After investigating various possible places to meet, the church finally decided on the Sharon Memorial Hall in the suburb of Worthington, an old historical museum. The building had very few classroom possibilities and the large room in the center of the building could only accommodate around seventy people comfortably. But the Lord saw fit to bless abundantly in that old historical building as attendances increased and many souls were won to Christ.



Above: Pastor Dave Hocking.
Below: Columbus, Ohio, ground-breaking congregation.

In January, 1965, the pastor began a Bible study class on the southeast side of the city in the suburb of Bexley. The class met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Dennison, members of the church. From a beginning class of around seven to ten adults, the attendance grew to a record-breaking 63 adults during October, 1965. The Lord used the class to reach many new people for Christ.

The church soon realized that the Sharon Memorial Hall would not be adequate to handle the people who were coming to church. We had set an Easter goal for 1965 of 100 people in church. It was not until the week before Easter Sunday that a new meeting place was acquired. The Lord opened up a wonderful place for us when he gave us the opportunity to use the facilities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Worthington. On our first Sunday in the church we had a record attendance of 133. We have continued to meet there up to the present time, and we have appreciated very much the fine facilities of this little colonial church seating 240 people.

A history of any church is not complete unless the spiritual victories are counted as first among the many blessings from the Lord. In 1965 the Lord gave us a wonderful year with 58 first-time decisions for Christ, and a total of 93 decisions over all. We praise the Lord for the way in which He has worked in the hearts and lives of people here in Columbus. He has











Top: Ground-breaking morning service.

Above: Harold H. Etling, national Sunday-school director; Richard E. Grant, *Brethren Missionary Herald* editor; David Hocking, pastor; and Lester E. Pifer, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Right: Columbus choir and Pastor Hocking with Robert Baer and Don Sellers of the Brethren Construction Company.

given us 26 decisions for Christ during the first quarter of this year, and it is our prayer that many, many more hungry hearts in this great city will come to the Saviour. The membership of the church at the end of the last quarter stood at 79, and at the writing of this article there were ten more waiting to be baptized and to join the fellowship of the church.

Attendances during the past month of April have been the highest ever. The Sunday school averaged 125 for the month, the morning service, 185, and the evening service, 96. On Easter Sunday we had a new record of 225 in the morning service.

On Palm Sunday, April 3, we had our ground-breaking service. The property is paid for, the Brethren Construction Crew has arrived, and work has already begun on our new building. We are greatly looking forward to the completion of this building and a church we can call "home."

The Lord has done wonderful things in Columbus, but our prayer is that the work will not cease to grow because of lack of vision or because of a lack of prayer, but that this will be only the beginning of what God will do in this great city. There is a need for many more churches in this city that will preach the Word of God. Thousands are without Christ and desperately in need of answers to life and eternity. We urge all of our Brethren people to pray earnestly for this great city that God will continue to pour out His blessing here, and that many souls will be saved and other churches established. ▼

CHURCH DEDICATIONS

The Grace Brethren Church of Bothell, Washington, dedicated their new temporary meeting place, an "Air Dome" building, on Monday, May 2, 1966. Dr. L. L. Grubb, associate pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, was the speaker.

The Grace Brethren Church, Galion, Ohio, dedicated their new church building on Sunday, May 22, 1966. The church was planned by home-mission architect Ralph Hall, built by the Brethren Construction Crew, and financed by the Brethren Investment Foundation.



Rev. Robert Thompson

Call Western Field Director

Rev. Robert Thompson, pastor at Westminster, California, has been called to become the Western field director for the Brethren Home Missions Council. Rev. Thompson left the business world where he was a successful salesman to begin his studies for the ministry. While completing this work, he became student pastor of a new church meeting in a home. This church, now known as the Westminster Brethren Church, rapidly progressed through a large building program and became self-supporting under his capable leadership and aggressive evangelistic ministry.

Rev. Thompson will assume his new full-time responsibilities August 1, 1966. His office will be temporarily located in his home, 14171 Riverton Circle, Westminster, Calif. His territory will cover the Southern California-Arizona, Nor-Cal, Northwest and Midwest Districts. Through this office, the Brethren Home Missions Council is aiming at a closer supervision of existent mission points and expecting to establish a larger number of new points in these districts.

Earnest prayer is desired for Rev. Thompson, for his administrative responsibilities, for the claiming of a number of new fields now under surveillance, and for wisdom and strength to carry effectively this enlarged ministry. ▼

Home Mission Field Reports

ARVADA, COLO. (J. C. "Bill" McKillen, pastor). There have been 13 first-time decisions here in the past two Sundays. There are about 15 baptisms pending and the 57 present last Sunday included at least six more prospects. These new converts range from 8 to 77 years old. One on his day off visited six families of friends whom he covets for his Lord.

KENT, WASH. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor). Our "Send Off" service for the Ed Johnson family was held Sunday evening, April 17. This is our first missionary family to leave for a foreign field. They were scheduled to leave for the Central African Republic on May 4.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. (Special). A Minute-Man letter was sent out this last month and we are still waiting to hear from some of you folks. The Warren Tamkin family at Elizabethtown are depending on the Minute-Men, the North Atlantic District, and the local church for their support. *Please check on E-town with a "check" on your town.*

DRYHILL, KY. (Special). "Marvin Lowery Day" on May 1 at the Hagerstown, Maryland, Grace Brethren Church was a tremendous success. The transportation goal of $2,100 was exceeded and a number of decisions for Christ were made. Look for the report next month.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). In the first Sunday service we had 42 present with six decisions, of which five were first time. The group has organized and has been accepted by the Indiana District Conference. The Sunday morning service and Sunday school are held in the Holiday Inn Motel Convention Room. Our Sunday evening and midweek services are held in homes.

BARBERTON, OHIO (Irvin B. Miller, pastor). Our Sunday and Wednesday evening services have doubled since January 1, 1966. The Sunday school and morning services have shown a substantial gain. On last Sunday (April 17) we had 18 visitors in Sunday school.

PRAISE AND PROJECTION

By Frank J. Poland

One year ago we reviewed the annual home missions report with "Comparison and Concern." Instead of dropping $8,600 this year, we praise God for a total increase of $30,401. This increase indicates that more people did become concerned; more people prayed and proved that God answers prayer.

The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors, home missionaries, and staff join in this praise to God for the increased offering this year. At the same time they are grateful to every member of The Brethren Church for his increased concern, prayer and contributions.

Already we are more than one month into a new fiscal year and making some projections for 1966-67. With equal concern and prayer we could expect equal results. With equal results in contributions and God's blessing equal in other ways, we could erase the present home missions deficit by the end of the present fiscal year. This certainly would be a great blessing, but is it enough? It would not take into consideration any expansion of the home missions work, and there is opportunity and need for such expansion. *Could we become just a little more concerned this year?* Could we pray for *every church* to equal this last year's offering, with an even greater percentage showing a gain in the next comparative report? Could we expect more Brethren people to become "involved" in Brethren Home Missions to the extent of becoming a corporation member for $5.00 or a new life member for $100? Your answers to these questions will be of utmost importance in the projection of Brethren Home Missions for the year ahead.

This year's report follows on the next two pages. ▼

COMPARATIVE OFFERING REPORT

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC., WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

April 1, 1964—March 31, 1965 and April 1, 1965—March 31, 1966

The gifts included in this report represent General Fund, Jewish Missions, Navajo Missions, and all other funds designated for any phase of Brethren Home Missions. Gifts designated for local projects, district missions, and other work extraneous to the Brethren Home Missions Council are not included.

	1964-1965	1965-1966
ALLEGHENY		
Accident, Md.	$176.00	$19.00
Aleppo, Pa.	387.80	502.67
Grafton, W. Va.	128.40	173.71
Jenners, Pa.	1,282.97	1,205.60
Listie, Pa.	1,477.30	1,418.42
Meyersdale, Pa.	1,697.05	1,553.35
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	516.19	517.46
Parkersburg, W. Va.	358.32	601.01
Stoystown, Pa.	80.00	96.20
Uniontown, Pa.	1,493.30	2,351.97
Washington, Pa.	427.14	606.75
Westernport, Md.	194.38	53.00
District		73.00
Total	8,218.85	9,172.14
EAST		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	966.73	1,388.45
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	382.60	697.00
Conemaugh, Pa.	2,386.20	3,142.11
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	1,592.81	1,650.93
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	1,336.63	1,421.65
Duncansville, Pa.	980.36	928.68
Everett, Pa.	958.11	791.26
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	993.90	989.63
Hopewell, Pa.	76.80	133.56
Jefferson Center, Pa.	49.17	145.51
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	3,524.15	3,297.16
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	260.55	508.08
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	528.95	968.16
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	5,414.88	7,662.30
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	249.13	257.64
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,520.76	2,592.91
District	380.00	1,277.70
Total	21,601.73	27,852.73
FLORIDA		
Fort Lauderdale	2,989.56	2,383.20
Fort Myers	52.50	95.00
Margate	314.60	740.81
Orlando	8.00	182.71
Pompano Beach	517.47	1,057.61
St. Petersburg	93.00	5.00
Total	3,975.13	4,464.33
INDIANA		
Berne, Ind.	4,739.34	7,403.80
Clay City, Ind.	338.55	211.36
Elkhart, Ind.	3,108.05	2,887.73
Flora, Ind.	937.75	1,721.80
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	4,951.27	3,936.62
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	1,235.63	259.80
Goshen, Ind.	251.61	300.00
Kokomo, Ind.	364.31	626.37
Leesburg, Ind.	725.41	892.60
Osceola, Ind.	995.76	1,182.94
Peru, Ind.	594.00	791.10
Sellersburg, Ind.	15.80	5.00
Sidney, Ind.	965.42	910.00
South Bend, Ind.	1,201.03	1,327.16
Warsaw, Ind.	413.10	791.11
Wheaton, Ill.	1,671.56	1,525.37
Winona Lake, Ind.	7,012.80	6,212.55
District	$1,048.87	$421.51
Total	30,570.26	31,406.82
IOWA		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	274.04	334.20
Dallas Center, Iowa	1,345.05	1,483.77
Davenport, Iowa	203.36	429.29
Des Moines, Iowa	10.00	138.75
Garwin, Iowa	585.69	771.19
Leon, Iowa	663.75	977.46
North English, Iowa	142.22	100.00
Waterloo, Iowa	6,580.68	5,358.54
Winona, Minn.	248.80	101.87
District	17.00	80.00
Total	10,070.59	9,775.07
MICHIGAN		
Alto	477.93	676.40
Berrien Springs	215.00	23.00
Jackson	164.83	206.70
Lake Odessa	416.75	638.11
Lansing	278.95	570.57
New Troy	507.00	619.00
Trout Lake	185.65	203.95
District	63.15	51.70
Total	2,309.26	2,989.43
MID-ATLANTIC		
Alexandria, Va.	464.45	350.00
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	1,912.65	2,699.62
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	194.96	340.20
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	5,081.80	8,120.02
Martinsburg, W. Va. (Grace)	38.46	
Martinsburg, W. Va. (Rosemont)	842.12	937.37
Seven Fountains, Va.	56.87	20.00
Washington, D. C. (First)	2,342.20	2,622.61
Washington, D. C. (Grace)	301.00	530.03
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,533.44	2,753.73
Winchester, Va.	3,741.60	3,772.75
District	122.67	18.77
Total	17,632.22	22,165.10
MIDWEST		
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	222.18	421.13
Arvada, Colo.	218.85	168.00
Beaver, City, Nebr.	108.65	214.07
Cheyenne, Wyo.	41.10	626.18
Cuba, N. Mex.	581.94	759.74
Denver, Colo.	547.50	417.54
Portis, Kans.	2,471.69	3,431.98
Taos, N. Mex.	433.81	336.24
District	214.33	408.01
Total	4,840.05	6,782.89
NORTHERN ATLANTIC		
Allentown, Pa.	760.92	990.74
Elizabethtown, Pa.		1,236.50
Harrisburg, Pa.	1,627.61	2,794.01
Hatboro, Pa.	797.55	679.87
Lancaster, Pa.	1,881.35	1,832.35
Manheim, Pa.	100.00	129.61
Palmyra, Pa.	999.75	1,136.86

	1964-1965	1965-1966
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	$5,487.42	$5,760.91
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,774.75	4,701.48
Souderton, Pa.		103.00
York, Pa.	859.95	1,048.49
District	1,000.00	52.87
Total	18,289.30	20,466.69

NOR-CAL

Chico, Calif.	385.00	215.25
Grass Valley, Calif.	91.16	89.28
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	4,334.61	3,912.33
Modesto, Calif. (McHenry)	29.00	102.74
Sacramento, Calif.	167.00	215.15
San Jose, Calif.	786.19	658.54
Tracy, Calif.	108.50	127.84
District	57.75	10.00
Total	5,959.21	5,331.13

NORTHERN OHIO

Akron (Fairlawn)	560.79	750.09
Akron (First)	1,356.91	1,354.55
Ankenytown	1,211.68	1,536.41
Ashland (Southview)	3,202.74	863.10
Ashland (Grace)		2,656.75
Barberton	582.76	618.16
Canton	949.80	1,142.90
Cleveland	1,558.57	1,620.25
Columbus	184.00	466.91
Cuyahoga Falls	1,022.25	970.60
Danville	472.00	1,094.00
Defiance		10.00
Elyria	301.15	1,147.46
Findlay	1,252.28	1,005.52
Fremont	1,571.74	3,481.58
Galion	714.05	136.01
Homerville	1,503.39	1,299.69
Mansfield (Grace)	9,049.13	10,837.47
Mansfield (Woodville)	1,561.69	1,598.21
Middlebranch	1,264.05	1,647.00
Rittman	1,588.45	1,593.01
Sterling	635.91	545.75
Wooster	3,331.49	3,679.92
District	538.34	407.00
Total	34,413.17	40,462.34

NORTHWEST

Albany, Oreg.	738.87	262.00
Beaverton, Oreg.		280.84
Bothell, Wash.	77.29	386.08
Grandview, Wash.	928.45	1,406.65
Harrah, Wash.	852.70	316.50
Kent, Wash.	430.93	832.00
Portland, Oreg.	509.55	404.85
Seattle, Wash.	60.00	
Spokane, Wash.	135.83	160.71
Sunnyside, Wash.	2,542.55	1,981.64
Toppenish, Wash.	777.03	869.65
Richland, Wash.	18.25	
Yakima, Wash.	369.41	299.93
District	147.00	55.00
Total	7,587.86	7,255.85

SOUTHEAST

Boones Mill, Va.	70.00	
Buena Vista, Va.	1,527.42	1,064.32
Covington, Va.	904.92	1,103.62
Hollins, Va.	920.62	971.54
Johnson City, Tenn.	147.00	270.40
Limestone, Tenn.	394.26	447.19
Radford, Va.	51.00	112.00
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	594.50	604.69
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	125.00	115.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	1,794.15	1,965.75
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Hts.)	562.30	504.80
Virginia Beach, Va.	276.57	429.37
District	514.50	531.00
Total	7,882.24	8,119.68

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

	1964-1965	1965-1966
Anaheim, Calif.	$496.40	$245.00
Arlington, Calif.	44.50	
Artesia, Calif.	142.17	97.30
Beaumont, Calif.	1,816.01	1,625.68
Bell, Calif.	306.85	462.40
Bellflower, Calif.	820.00	1,881.14
Compton, Calif.	1,457.01	2,620.42
Colton, Calif.		103.28
Fillmore, Calif.	658.43	725.66
Gardena, Calif.	645.66	580.81
Glendale, Calif.	759.75	613.66
Glendora, Calif.	143.86	144.00
Grand Terrace, Calif.	46.43	105.80
Inglewood, Calif.	4,765.97	5,366.04
La Habra, Calif.	277.00	594.34
La Puente, Calif.	1.00	2.00
La Verne, Calif.	1,243.79	1,065.26
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	17,721.24	17,816.88
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	2,992.65	4,426.07
Los Altos, Calif.	1,104.82	897.08
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	436.44	848.75
Montclair, Calif.	774.00	664.65
Norwalk, Calif.	2,780.03	2,884.65
Paramount, Calif.	1,100.83	771.83
Phoenix, Ariz.	895.87	1,482.78
Rialto, Calif.	830.27	982.72
San Bernardino, Calif.	1,156.00	916.62
San Diego, Calif.	167.75	235.23
Seal Beach, Calif.	720.63	924.63
Simi, Calif.	79.50	120.00
South Gate, Calif.	1,188.60	928.53
South Pasadena, Calif.	312.55	375.29
Temple City, Calif.	505.19	679.00
Tucson, Ariz.	164.74	305.79
West Covina, Calif.	111.00	
Westminster, Calif.	834.73	1,029.15
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	429.29	834.02
Whittier, Calif. (First)	1,488.86	1,264.00
District	1,176.50	885.50
Total	50,596.32	55,505.96

SOUTHERN OHIO

Brookville, Ohio	318.75	343.13
Camden, Ohio	281.35	361.74
Clayhole, Ky.	64.59	55.30
Clayton, Ohio	1,461.23	2,144.48
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	326.66	435.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	7,422.70	9,164.16
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	207.95	361.20
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Hts.)	7.00	
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	3,782.14	3,134.92
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	387.72	350.50
Dryhill, Ky.	77.07	453.31
Englewood, Ohio	1,000.43	965.21
Kettering, Ohio	397.38	430.14
Trotwood, Ohio	537.07	1,694.83
Troy, Ohio	594.89	648.74
Vandalia, Ohio	1,147.85	1,158.00
West Alexandria, Ohio	294.73	384.49
District	156.40	200.99
Total	18,465.91	22,286.14
Total church gifts	242,412.10	274,036.30

OTHER GIFTS

Grace Chapel, Hawaii	10.00	20.00
Puerto Rico	150.99	35.14
Waimalu, Honolulu		11.00
National Conference Missions Rally	93.66	
National WMC	12,171.87	11,253.25
National SMM		859.88
National Youth		25.00
Miscellaneous	3,061.63	2,061.20
Total	15,488.15	14,265.47
Grand Total	257,900.25	288,301.77

ISRAEL CALLS!

WHAT'S A MOTHER TO DO?

BY BRUCE L. BUTTON

(The temptations young people face in these days are very real and attractive. This can be particularly true for the young person attending a school where 99 per cent of the student body are not Christian and the remainder, with two or three exceptions, are only weakly professing. Diane Button attends high school where 99 per cent of the student body are Jewish. It is difficult to "be friends" and constantly resist those activities in which your friends indulge. However, the Lord is able in matters such as these, and when one "resists," not only does the devil flee, but God also vindicates the resister and exposes the sham and shame of sensual pleasure.—BLB)



Fairfax High School, Los Angeles, California

Time and again as you tune in the radio or television you hear some frustrated mother and wife mournfully intone the words, "What's a mother to do?" And she of course has reference to one of three great family upheavals: either sister is on a diet and is not getting the proper amount of vitamins, or brother snatched a piece of cake after he brushed his teeth and is even now eating it as he is running down the street, or hubby has just come home from the office with a splitting headache and is apparently unable to attend that all-important party at the Smiths. But the good old advertising huckster comes to the rescue of the distressed mother and suggests an anti-cavity toothpaste, a vitamin-packed breakfast food, and an effervescent tablet to overcome the troubles of each of her charges and the household is once again on an even keel.

But this question, "What's a mother to do?" is many times asked in areas of family life other than the material and physical. It is often a perplexing question in the area of things spiritual. And by God's grace we do have the answer. Let me show you what I mean.

An intercom is a wonderful instrument. I have one on my desk, which is located in that section of the garage which has been "made over" into a study. The intercom is connected with a companion unit in the kitchen of the mission. By means of this unit I am able to hear any conversation with great volume and clarity if it is carried on in the kitchen, breakfast room, dining room or hall. If I listen attentively I can distinguish conversation in any other part of the house without too much difficulty. Even though I installed the unit to save steps and make communication between the study and the house something other than "shouting out the window," still it does serve the purpose of a monitor for eavesdropping on certain conversations between members of my family.

For instance— One Friday afternoon recently I was jarred out of the book I was reading when over the intercom I heard a door slam in the house, footsteps race out into the kitchen, and my daughter Diane's voice say, "Hi, Mom! Guess what? Judy asked me to go to a party with her this weekend. She told me she had a date fixed up for me with a real groovy [what's "groovy"?] guy. He plays an electric guitar in a five-piece folk-rock combo. He's a Fairfax grad and was a football player and was on the track team. She says he is a nice boy and that he had seen me at school and had asked her to arrange the date. Party's going to be at the home of one of the boys we know. It's going to start at eight o'clock and I guess it'll last till twelve or maybe longer. I sorta wish I could go and yet . . ." and here DeeDee (Diane to you) let her voice trail into silence.

Now my wife has a much better head for dealing with children than I have. Me? I come out flat-footed and lay down the law. I'm a *you can't do that and you have to do this* sort of parent. And there is nothing that breaks off what the world calls "communication" any more quickly or effectively than that sort of correction. But my wife has a much better approach. She has the good sense to give a child the chance to make his own decision. And if it is a correct decision, then she is not in the child's bad graces and he has learned once more the importance of being a sensible, stable Christian. So she asked, "Well, what's the boy like and what have you decided to do?"

Diane hesitated for a minute and then replied, "I saw this fellow when I was leaving school. Didn't meet him, just saw him from across the street. He's one of the 'In' crowd. You know what I mean: high boots, those ivy league pants, and long, blond hair. The crowd Judy runs with all dress that way."

"Yes, but what did you decide to do?" prompted my wife.

"Well goodness, Mom, what could I do but refuse! I told her I couldn't come because I had to go to church on that night. The party was to be Sunday night. Some day I'll get my reward for passing up all these opportunities." And I heard Diane walk from the kitchen and then the door to her room closed.

The weekend passed and Monday

rolled around and again I was in the study with the intercom turned on. Mrs. Button was in the kitchen. Once again I heard the door slam and footsteps race into the kitchen and my daughter Diane excitedly cry out, "Oh, Mom! Guess what? Where do you think Judy spent Sunday night, Mom? In *jail,* Mom! in *jail!* Am I glad I went to church! Isn't that *terrible?* In *jail!* And her boy friend too. They went to the party. And there was no one in the house but all these kids. And they had *beer,* Mom. Kids, and they had *beer.* And the neighbors called the police and Judy and her boyfriend left the party and the police picked them up on the street and took them to jail. And they called their parents! I'd have just died! Can you imagine Dad— Well, Judy said her mother was put out with her, whatever that means, but she came down to the police station and got her. Then she took Judy home and talked with her. And Mom, Judy said that after that they, she and her mother, had a couple of drinks and went to bed. Mom, imagine, drinks!"



Entrance to the Sea Witch, a teen-age night spot.

"Are you glad you turned down her invitation?" asked my wife.

"Oh Mom, you know it! I'm sure glad our home honors the Lord. I'm sure thankful that I know Him and that He is able to keep a person from making mistakes even when they feel drawn toward such things. And I'm sure glad we don't have 'drinks' in our home!" And as Diane left the kitchen, the sound of her footsteps and the softly closed door to her room betrayed the serious thoughts of her mind. She had made a right decision and made it as unto the Lord, and He had honored her and her family for it.

"What's a mother to do?" Well, if you have given any thought to this account as you have read it, you now know what a mother should do in the matter of the spiritual welfare of her children. She should do the same thing the father is enjoined to do in Ephesians 6:4: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

If this is done, the spiritual welfare of the child will be sound, for the God of heaven gives this assurance: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22: 6).

Yes, the "In" group with its Watusi, and its Jerk, and its folk-rock music, and its long hair, and its tight pants, and its high boots holds a fascination for the youth who lacks a background in spiritual things and spiritual life. But thanks be to God when He enables us to point our dear children to the One who holds the answer to all of life's problems and drives, to the One who, above everything else, is able to satisfy in an age of dissatisfaction. ▼

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CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE: The April 30 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* was a special four-color issue. Thousands of extra copies have been printed for free distribution. Individuals and pastors may write to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590 to request additional copies free of charge. This four-color issue constitutes a part of the Herald's free literature program.

MAITLAND, FLA. The official name of the former Grace Brethren Church of Orlando is now the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland. They have bought a little over two acres of wooded land as the site of their future building. The present place of worship is in the Maitland Christian Day School, 610 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland (just off Routes 17 and 92; about eight miles north of Orlando). All correspondence should be sent to Pastor Herman Koontz, 774 Fern Park Blvd., Fern Park, Fla. 32730 (Tel. Winter Park 838-4625).

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y. Chaplain (Major) Burton Hatch has been appointed to the office of acting director of resident instruction at the U.S. Army Chaplains' School, Fort Hamilton. During the past few years he has served as academic operations officer of the school. Chaplain Hatch will be going to Viet Nam in September to begin a tour of duty.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maeder, of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 27. Robert Griffith, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller will conclude his six-year ministry at the First Brethren Church on June 30, 1966. He and Mrs. Miller have accepted a call to full-time evangelism and writing with the American Board of Missions to the Jews with headquarters in New York City.

GRAFTON, W. VA. There have been public decisions for Christ in services of the First Brethren Church nearly every Sunday since the first of the year, including a number of decisions to accept Christ. Twelve have recently been baptized and received into church membership, and several more are candidates for baptism and church membership. Paul Mohler, pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. Rev. Scott Weaver, of Osceola, Ind., held a four-day series of meetings at the Grace Brethren Church in April; there were 29 decisions for Christ, and average attendance was 114. James Kennedy, pastor.

ALBANY, OREG. A redecorated parsonage and a food shower welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Adam Rager on their first Sunday at the Grace Brethren Church. Total attendance for the services of the day was 245.

ALASKA. Air Force Chaplain (Captain) Carlton Fuller went to Alaska this month for a one-year tour of remote duty. Mrs. Fuller and the two children are now living in Winona Lake, Ind.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Burns, 210 Wonder St., Johnstown, Pa. 15905 (Tel. 255-1233; church phone 266-4057).

DANVILLE, OHIO. The Danville Brethren Church held a series of revival meetings April 10 to 17 with Rev. Robert Combs, pastor from Sterling, Ohio. Average attendance was 43, and there were seven decisions for salvation. Edward Wingard, pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. Freddie Lindblad is to hold a "Home Life Conference" at the Rialto Brethren Church June 3-5. Gerald Polman is pastor.

YORK, PA. The Grace Brethren Church recently held a four-day Bible conference with Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Lancaster, Pa. A Good Friday service was held this year for the first time; the evening service was well attended. All the departments of the Sunday school took part in the Easter morning service, which was climaxed by a flannelgraph lesson presented by pastor Kenneth Wilt.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Recent records at the Grace Brethren Church include 83 in Sunday school March 27 and 89 in morning worship Easter Sunday. In March and April, seven persons united with the church, making a total membership of 61. On Easter Sunday six children made decisions for the Lord. Charles Martin, pastor.

LEESBURG, IND. Fred Fogle, missionary on furlough from France, was speaker for a missionary banquet held at the Leesburg Brethren Church on Friday, April 15. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

ALEPPO, PA. Revival meetings were held April 17 to 24 at the Aleppo Brethren Church, with Richard Grant, editor of the *Missionary Herald,* as speaker. Average evening attendance was 88, and there were seven first-time decisions and 11 rededications. Robert Burns is pastor.

ARVADA, COLO. Ten first-time public decisions were made at the close of the morning service at Grace Brethren Church April 17, after missionary Don Hocking had spoken to a record attendance of 51. Pastor Bill McKillen commented, "Some sort of record was also set when a white-haired grandmother, her grown son, and his daughter and eldest son, ages 14 and 11, all accepted Christ publicly together." The mother had accepted Christ, been baptized, and joined the church a month before.

WAYNESBORO, PA. After serving as pastor for more than 13 years, in two separated terms of seven years and six years, Pastor Robert Crees resigned on May 1 to accept a call to become pastor of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, located north of Johnstown, Pa. The transition will probably be made in July.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The April 30 edition of the *Missionary Herald* was mailed to 9,364 regular subscribers—a record total never before attained. This is a gain of almost 600 new subscribers over the past year. We praise the Lord for His blessing upon the ministry of this magazine.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. Rob-

ert Thompson has resigned as pastor of the Westminster Brethren Church, effective Aug. 1. At this time he will assume his duties as West Coast representative for the Brethren Home Missions Council.

BUENA VISTA, VA. An all-time high was reached in the First Brethren Sunday School with an Easter Sunday attendance of 521. A communion service that night was attended by 119. A four-day stewardship conference was held here recently by Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman. Charles Thornton, pastor.

NOTICE: Mimeographed copies of the quiz questions on Romans and Titus are available from the Brethren youth office at 50 cents per copy. Write to the Brethren Youth Council, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cole, Sr., observed their golden wedding anniversary on April 20. They were honored with an open house reception at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church on April 23. The Coles are charter members of this church and have been active during its 31-year history. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

NEEDED: Elementary and high-school teachers for Brethren Christian Schools, Osceola, Ind. Contact Rev. Ralph Hayes, principal. An elementary school principal is also needed at Phoenix; application materials may be received by contacting the Grace Brethren School, 2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. 85017.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church suffered severe damage from a fire evidently started by an arsonist on the morning of April 20. A considerable amount of the damage was covered by insurance. Donald Carter, pastor.

TUCSON, ARIZ. Evangelist George Long, of Elkhart, Ind., recently held a week of special meetings in the Grace Brethren Church here; there were 15 first-time decisions among children, and several new family prospects were obtained. Nearly $500 worth of grading on the church property has been completed; the entire cost of the operation was donated by people who are not members of the church. While home on leave from the Air Force, Tim Painter, son of Pastor Harold Painter, helped lay asphalt tile in the auditorium and vestibule of the church; the tile was purchased through donations of interested people.

SIMI, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church has recently formed a junior and high-school choir and has organized three SMM groups; they are planning to begin a junior church for four-year-olds and hope to divide the second and third graders into two Sunday-school classes because of rapid growth. The congregation held their first Easter sunrise service in their new building this year, and ladies served a light breakfast for all who attended. The Robert Covers, missionaries to Argentina, were at the church April 17 for the evening service. During Easter vacation the senior youth group took a trip to Mexico, where they were entertained by the Walter Haags. Elmer Fricke, pastor.



SOUTHERN CALIF.-ARIZ. DISTRICT. Brethren youth activity in this district has been outstanding during recent months. The variety of activities have included monthly youth sings, a youth sponsors' dinner, a recreation night at the Y in Pasadena (enjoyed by 150), two leadership training sessions, a skating party, a swimming party, a mixed volleyball tournament, and a "whale-watching expedition" in Long Beach Harbor. The second annual Brethren High-College Basketball Tournament was held in March; pictured above are the champions—North Long Beach. Back row, left to right: G. Wells, Coach Cook, R. Roberts, and T. Smith. Front row: B. Smith, G. Olson, R. Hathaway.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Judith Ann Mills and Arthur Leroy Kibe, April 7, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Peggy Lou Ross and Marvin Lee Corll, April 16, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

Linda Trescott and James J. Walker, Jr., April 16, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Ruth McClung and Lester Vnasdale, May 7, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

EARLY, Miss Lois, 74, a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1949, died April 14. She is remembered as the one who cared for Mrs. Martha Snell Nicholson during the years of her illness. Charles Mayes, pastor.

HOSPELHORN, Mrs. Emma, 83, passed away April 15 in Baltimore, Md. Although she had lived away from Washington, D.C., for a number of years, she remained one of the best known and most loved members of the First Brethren Church there.

William A. Ogden, pastor.

PADGHAM, C. H., who had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., since 1910, died April 20. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. George Christie conducted the funeral service.

John Mayes, pastor.

BUERKIN, John Martin, 91, died April 22. He had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., for 29 years.

Charles Mayes, pastor.

SMITH, Clyde, died April 23. He had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., since 1915. Rev. George Christie was in charge of the funeral service.

John Mayes, pastor.

DEVLIN, Herman, of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died the latter part of April.

Alva Steffler, pastor.

THE TANG OF VICTORY

DELIGHTFUL INDEED!

By Rev. William H. Snell
Pastor, Meyersdale Brethren Church
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

You have heard that time-honored piece of advice often repeated to athletes. It goes something like this: "Now, remember! Should you be defeated, be a good loser!"

We ought to question this advice to an athlete, and likewise question this approach to the Christian way of life. We must learn to be good sportsmen if we intend to be good athletes, but not necessarily good losers. In the Christian life there is no place for a good loser.

A young mother was one day entertaining her Sunday-school teacher. Four small children, all under school age, romped about the family room adjoining the living room. As things began to grow more lively it became increasingly hard for the two adults to visit. Excusing herself, the children's mother entered the playroom and spoke to them. She had to speak a second and third time. The little ones were quite normal and quieted for a time, but soon began again. Becoming quite nervous and impatient the irate mother dashed through the doorway, grabbed the oldest child, and spanked him severely. This did not remedy the situation but only provoked it. Realizing her friend in the living room had heard and seen all only added to the mother's confusion.

Returning once more to her waiting guest, she sat down and burst into tears. "I've tried and tried not to lose my temper with the children, but I just can't seem to master it," she sobbed.

Is it possible that many a Christian has settled for something other than God's best because he has learned to be a good loser? Such a person periodically goes down to defeat in his personal life. He is bound by some chainlike habit and has resigned himself to being a good loser. He attempts to witness for Christ in a clear-cut, straightforward manner, but the effort ends in failure. Often a habit that binds his life becomes humiliating and distasteful. He tries to get victory over it, but the result is defeat.

To accept continual defeat and thus try to develop the good loser spirit is to have a perverted idea of the Christian way of life. A constant diet of defeat leaves a bitter taste in one's mouth, a taste to which we should never try to become accustomed. Furthermore it gives one offensive breath and this stymies our testimony.

A young truck driver had as a youth accepted Christ as Saviour. He had courted and married a lovely girl who made a wonderful Christian wife. The Lord blessed their home wth two children, a boy and a girl.

As many a truck driver will testify, sitting behind the wheel of a tractor-trailer for hours at a stretch, traveling turnpikes and super highways, can become a boring task. As a result of many lonely hours the young husband accepted a package of cigarettes as company. Then he turned to a pipe.

Finally realizing the habit had overtaken him, he decided the time had come to give it up. After all, he now had a teen-age son. He did not want the boy to follow in his footsteps so



far as the smoking habit was concerned. He knew also that his wife was convinced the habit had no place in her Christian husband's life.

He vowed to try to rid himself of this unwelcome companion. He filled his pockets with chewing gum, life-savers and candy bars. For a few days he thought he was free of it. But alas! He could not help himself. He filled his pipe and yielded. The battle was lost. He went down again in defeat.

Weeks passed, then months. One night driving along the Pennsylvania Turnpike he suddenly felt sick, dizzy. Perhaps the wind was blowing the exhaust fumes back up into his tractor cab. He opened the windows. A breeze swept through. Still he knew something was wrong.

Pulling the huge truck to the side of the road, he leaped out and lay exhausted on the cold ground. His face and hands felt strange. Pulling himself together, he stood and reached into the cab for his flashlight. Turing the light on his hands, he saw they were very red. Upon close examination in his mirror he discovered his face was the same color. What could be wrong?

Suddenly like a vision his habit was reviewed on the screen of his mind. "Give it up," a voice cried. "Throw away your pipe!" With stiff hands he reached into his jacket pocket, grasped the pipe, and hurled it out into the darkness. It was gone! *Gone!*

Placing his hands over his face and resting his head on the steering wheel, he resolved never to touch tobacco again. "With your help, Father, I can be victorious this time."

As soon as he reached home, he related the whole episode to his wife. Upon investigation they discovered in the first-aid book that red hands and face, dizziness, and so forth, were acute symptoms of carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Facing his amazed wife, he declared: "The Lord was riding with me tonight. It was His voice I heard. I have smoked for the last time."

And indeed he had. For as the days turned into weeks, and the weeks into months, he was victorious in his heavenly Father's strength. He had overcome. He had conquered. Victory was his.

There is a real note of victory in the words of Jesus as recorded in John 16:33: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." This passage in I John also contains the idea of victory: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

The design of our God is that His own experience victory in their personal lives. There is a delightful taste in victory.

Of what does your diet consist as a Christian? Victory or defeat? Good losers usually lose. Set your goal on victory. Once the pleasing tang of victory has been your experience, you will not be quick to settle for anything less. ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the way the *Missionary Herald* magazine is being used to reach new homes for Christ through personal visitation.

PRAY that the recent special color edition of the *Herald* will be greatly used of the Lord as our pastors and people distribute the extra copies.

PRAY for the publication offering period during June and July and for the need for $20,000 to expand the ministry of our Brethren publishing house.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the decisions which are continually being made in crusade meetings.

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts special campaigns in Bowling Green, Ohio, Radford, Virginia, and Grafton, West Virginia.

PRAY for the director, Bill Smith, as he ministers at a number of district conferences and as he works with the Executive Committee of the Brethren Laymen.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the graduates of both the college and the seminary and pray for definite direction as to their future.

PRAY for the two teams from Grace College who will be visiting many churches in the East and the West during summer vacation.

PRAY for the summer schools now in progress in both college and seminary that they may prove very beneficial.

PRAY that the Development Department may be successful in attempting to raise funds this summer for a library building.

PRAY for many young people who soon will be making their final decisions as to where they should go to college and seminary next September.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY that additional personnel may be found for the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School before the new fall term begins.

PRAY for the Brethren testimony to colored people through our Brethren Chapel at Fremont, Ohio.

PRAY for the home-mission churches in Arvada, Colorado, and West Covina, California, where changes in pastors will be taking place.

PRAY for two home-mission churches that are searching for church locations.

PRAY for our Jackson, Michigan, Richland, Washington, and Minerva, Ohio, churches, where the pastors are working to help with their support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for the final planning for our annual Sunday School Convention.

PRAY that Vacation Bible School teachers may teach clearly and that as a result many boys and girls may find Christ as Saviour.

PRAY for new Sunday schools recently organized as they reach their communities for Christ.

PRAY that the financial requirements to maintain the Sunday School Board office may be sent through our Sunday schools.

PRAY that the National Sunday School staff may have physical strength to carry on this missionary arm of the church.

SMM

PRAY that all our graduating SMM girls may be led by the Holy Spirit as they choose their vocations.

PRAY that our SMM girls will use this summer as an opportunity to witness and work for the Lord in DVBS, camps, and so forth.

PRAY for many of our SMM girls who will be choosing colleges in the fall, that they may choose Christian colleges.

WMC

PRAY for our districts as they elect new officers.

PRAY for our national officers.

PRAY for Mrs. Robert Ullom from Washington, Pennsylvania, who in spite of great suffering maintains a wonderful testimony for the Lord.

PRAY that all our Brethren ladies may be more aware of and more thankful for the privilege and responsibility of belonging to Christ.

PRAY that more of our WMC members will be willing to help with Bible schools and camps.

YOUTH

PRAY for our camp team as they will be ministering in six district camps and at national youth conference.

PRAY for our district directors as they make final preparations for their summer camps.

PRAY that the Holy Spirit may draw many youth to Jesus Christ.

PRAY for our summer missionaries who will be engaged in various ministries at our four mission points.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the newer missionaries as they continue in diligent study to gain a mastery of the languages of their respective fields.

PRAY that God may direct and provide in the needs for new mission buildings on the various fields.

PRAY for the missionary children, especially concerning the problems of their education.

PRAY for God's continued blessing upon the ministry of gospel radio in foreign lands.

PRAY for sufficient capable African personnel to man the new bookstalls in various parts of the field.

LAYMEN

PRAY for those men who are now being contacted regarding speaking assignments at the national conference laymen's sessions.

PRAISE the Lord for the number of men's groups supporting the general fund of our national work.

PRAY that the amount needed for the completion of the scholarship fund will soon come in.



IT PAYS To Write and Distribute LITERATURE

By Rev. Richard Sellers

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Des Moines, Iowa

One day I received a telephone call from a man in great distress. When I arrived at his home I found him weeping and all torn up emotionally. He told me that the evening before, his wife had gone out for a while and had left him with their little baby. While she was gone he was seized with a fanatical urge to kick the baby to death. When he realized what he had almost done he sat down and wept bitterly.

Now on this day he was seized with a similar urge to take his own life. In his desperation he had called for me. I soon discovered why he was so emotionally torn up: for some time he had been embezzling money from his employer. His sense of guilt was too great for him to bear.

When I asked him why he had chosen to call me he answered, "Don't you remember giving me a little tract entitled 'Four Things God Wants You to Know'?" As I thought back over my many experiences of handing out tracts I finally made the association.

"Ever since I read that tract," he continued, "I have felt dirty and filthy inside."

It was my privilege then and there to lead this man to Jesus Christ. Later his wife also came to Christ. The Lord then enabled him to work out his emotional problems which were caused by his sinful actions.

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Several years back I wrote a little tract entitled 'Are You a Christian? Really??' Someone passed this tract on to a lady who had been a member of a good fundamental church for eight years. One day this lady called me and began to weep as she related how she had read the tract. She had believed the historical facts concerning Christ's birth, death and resurrection and had given mental assent to these truths, but no more than this. This of course was the danger which I had discussed in the little tract.

It was my privilege that same day to visit this lady and lead her to the Lord. Right there in her living room she prayed and told Christ that she was now going beyond just mentally believing about Him and was now committing her lost soul into His keeping and care. After her prayer it was evident that she had truly found peace with God.

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This past February I received a phone call from a traveling salesman who was passing through the state of Iowa. He had stopped for the night at a motel which was located approximately one hundred fifty miles from Des Moines. As he introduced himself over the phone, he told me he had a sister who was a fine Christian and that she attended one of our Brethren churches in Pennsylvania.

This sister had given him one of the daily devotional booklets edited by our pastor in Wooster, Ohio, Kenneth Ashman.

For this particular day I had providentially written the devotional reading in this booklet. As this man read it, God spoke to his heart. He immediately looked up the phone number of the Des Moines First Brethren Church and got in touch with me.

I do not know if this man has yet come to Christ or not, but God gave me the opportunity of answering his questions and showing him his spiritual need.

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Just recently I traveled to Grandview, Washington, where I conducted an evangelistic meeting in our Brethren church. I went by Greyhound bus and all told I spent four days and four nights on the road.

During this time God gave me innumerable opportunities to witness and to hand out tracts. Among the many I witnessed to were two young ladies who sat in the seat immediately in front of me. These young ladies were returning from Salt Lake City, where they had been attending college, and were now on their way back home, which was located near Sun Valley, Idaho.

After talking to them about their spiritual need I gave each of them one of my little tracts entitled 'Are You a Christian? Really??' Just this past week I received a letter from the mother of one of these young ladies. It read:

Dear Rev. Sellers,

I am a total stranger to you but you rode on a bus from Salt Lake City to some place in Oregon the latter part of February and my daughter, Sharon, was also on that bus. You gave her a little leaflet entitled, "Are You a Christian? Really??"

She gave it to us to read and I felt like it was just what I've been trying to say all this time. Is it possible for you to send me several copies? I loaned mine to a friend and she lost it, and I'd just love to have you send me one more and several more if you have any to spare. I'm trying to be a Christian but I'm not *really* one. I feel so many people say, "Oh, I believe in Christ," but as we look at them we can't tell that they do. And I believe if we really commit our lives to Christ then anyone can see Christ in our lives. "Actions speak louder than words."

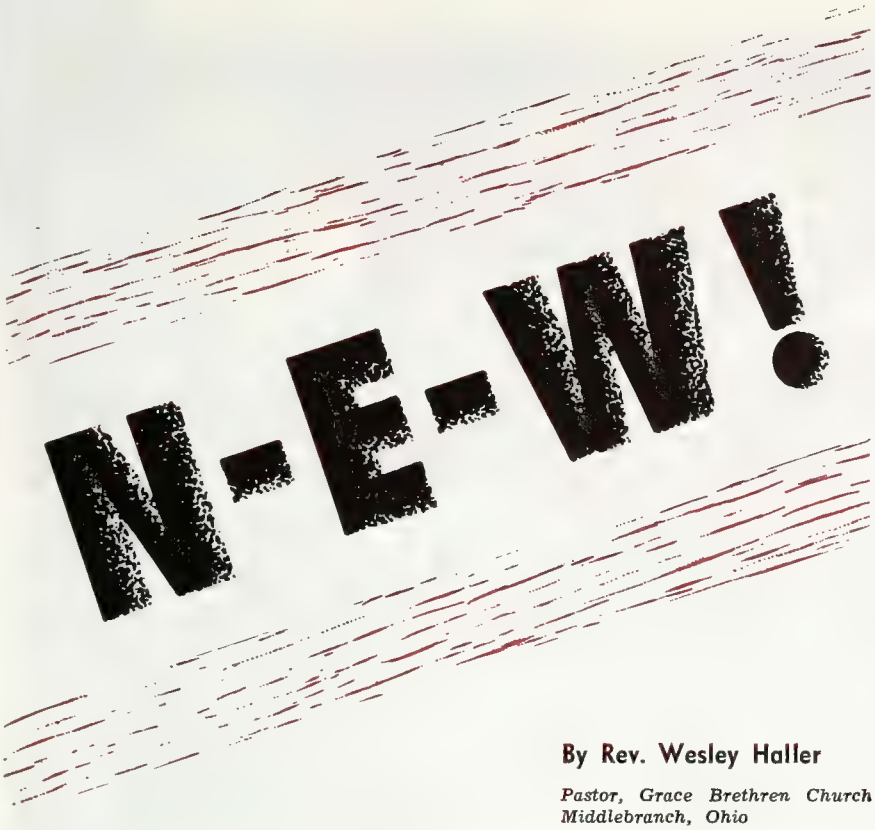
Thanking you in advance and may God bless you richly in your work.

Mrs. ———

P.S. My daughter Sharon and a friend, Linda ———, are students at Steven Henegar Business College in Salt Lake City. Maybe you remember talking to them on the bus.

Here was another wonderful opportunity to tell a seeking soul about our Lord and Saviour.

I hope these few fruitful experiences from my own life may be an encouragement to others both to write and to distribute Christian literature. ▼



By Rev. Wesley Haller

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Middlebranch, Ohio

You see the word "new" everywhere. There it is on your box of breakfast cereal, urging you to try some new combination of wheat and rice flakes, or rice and corn flakes, and so forth. Reach for that jar of instant coffee and there it is again, "new," combined with another selling-point, "20 cents off!" Driving downtown you pass a billboard offering "new" reduced rates for traveling to Europe by super-jet. Open your evening newspaper and you are faced with an ad (to quote a contemporary Christian writer) offering "new filter-tip cancerettes at a 'new' low price."

Americans evidently succumb to this type of thing. Otherwise, companies would not spend millions annually on Madison Avenue intellects who produce reams of copy using the word "new." There is something in human nature that causes us to try every new thing. And we readily admit there are many new things around us today. How did we manage before they came on the market?

But this "new" emphasis really isn't so modern. We read in the book of Acts that the citizens of Athens spent much time at the Areopagus (Mars' Hill) waiting "to hear some new thing" (17:21). When the apostle Paul finally turned up, the daily throng's first question was: "May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?" (17:19). Yet most of this rabble failed to recognize that Paul really had something new, something never known before, to offer them: newness of life in Jesus Christ. People who hanker after the latest fashions or the newest trend are often disappointed. The "new" instant coffee's flavor is practically the same as the old product.

The truth, however, about the gospel is that it offers no new approach to the Lord God, nor does it hint at some new form of worshiping Him. It goes far beyond these ideas by actually changing human personality: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17)—as new as anything originated by God during the six days of creation. The Word of God, one of the most ancient of books, is also up-to-date. Its own testimony is this: "The word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23). The Bible with its gospel message is right up-to-the-minute.

The Bible is "new," therefore, because it has a message for modern times; and the gospel is "new" because it offers a new life in Christ. Isn't this what people have been searching for through the centuries? What we have to offer to modern man is better than what Ponce de Leon spent years hunting for, the Fountain of Youth. The new life we offer comes by the process of being born again, or born anew. New life in Christ is not something that loses its newness, like a new automobile that wears out after a hundred thousand miles. Life in Christ is something that continues and grows and grows (at least it should!). It can lead to an experience of which Jeremiah wrote: "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning . . ." (Lam. 3:22-23). How wonderful it is to get up in the morning and face the new day with Christ.

But do we ever get excited about this new possession which is ours by faith in Christ Jesus? Do we attempt to get it across to others? Why not take a page out of the advertising agency's rules of procedure, and use "new" methods? Ah, but here's the hard nut to crack. Some good Christians readily inform you: "We've never done it that way; we always do it this way!" Sometimes godly people reject a new means of making Christ known, only because it happens to be unprecedented and newfangled. They won't even give it a trial! This new means, naturally, must be worthy of the gospel; but, please, let's not cast it aside just because it has never been tried before.

Having written all this, however, the writer is convinced that what is needed in these modern times, far more than new methods, and far more than new-born men, is a new work of God, the Holy Spirit, among us. God himself is the Author of renewing, or, to use a more familiar term, revival. This is the great need in current Christian experience: the work of the Holy Spirit, which results in "the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24). Until this happens, we cannot expect the numbers God desires to see of new-born souls. ▼

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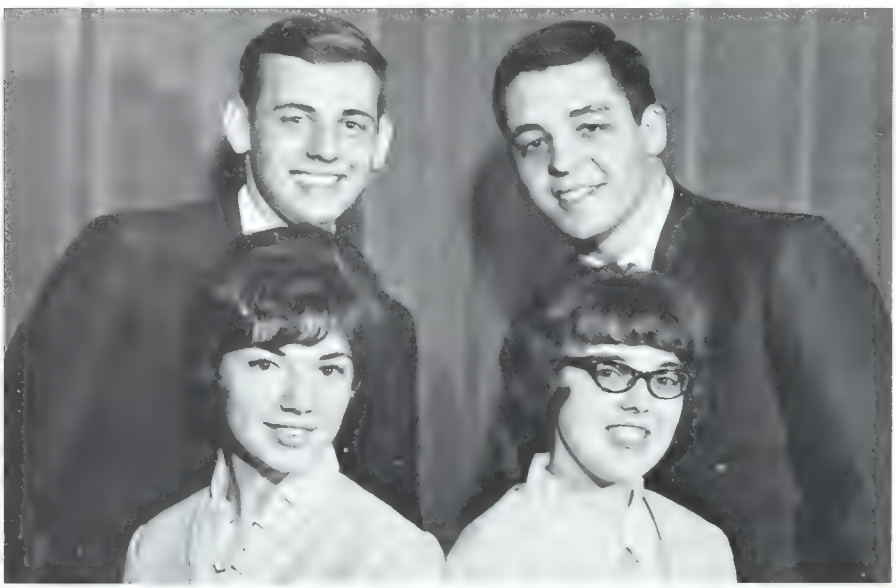




THE HARMONAIRES
*Eastern Tour**

At far right: Prof. Don Ogden, director. Left to right, the team members are: Richard Dick, Sharon Malles, Carolyn Witkzy and Barry Horn.





THE CAROLAIRES
*Western Tour**

*Itinerary on page 24

At left: Prof. William L. Schaffer, director. Left to right, above are: Saundra Convers and Patricia Suittor. In the rear are team members Edward Lewis (left) and Stephen Young (right).



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Graduation at Grace for 1966

Grace Theological Seminary is now completing its 29th year of ministry, and Grace College is completing the 18th year. To God must be given glory for sustaining and perpetuating their ministry over these many years and through the many perils.

Two excellent classes are being graduated this year. Out from the college will go a group of young men and women academically prepared for many areas of service. The most important aspect of their training, in our estimation, was the spiritual implementation they received in Grace College. No matter where they will serve and what they will be doing, the spiritual and moral preparation they received in Grace College will constitute their most valuable and treasured resources.

Another excellent class of seminary graduates will be going forth to serve the Lord. Some will be going into the pastorate, others to the mission field, still others into teaching, and yet others into the chaplaincy. These graduates go forth grounded in the teaching of the Word of God. This orientation and implementation provides them with a ministry for which the world is crying today.

The Conditions in London

The city of London, that will shortly be invaded by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, is a city where crime of every kind has skyrocketed out of proportion to the growing population, where 60 per cent of the criminal cases go unsolved, where only one crime in 12 reaches a court sentence, where the Constabulary Chief says that last year was the worst year of the century, where new racial tensions are developing, where church attendance is dwindling, where less than 3 per cent of the population were in church on Easter Sunday, where ministerial candidates continue to drop sharply.

This describes a moral and spiritual condition that characterizes the major cities of the world. This is a condition where all the vaunted progress of men is not stemming the tide, where the explosion in knowledge is not meeting the need, where the modern counseling clinic is not averting the calamities.

Into a world like this go the graduates of Grace Schools with the only message that will meet the needs of men.

The Cause of Such Conditions

Men are sinners by nature, and from within, out of the heart, come the things that are permeating the atmosphere all across the world. But this alone is not the explanation for the unprecedented descent into the maelstrom of iniquity. A philosophy is abroad that is laying the groundwork for this unprecedented outbreak of lawlessness in the moral and spiritual realm.

Simply stated it is this: namely, that there is no final truth. Once the basic assumption is made it leads to the next assertion that all conclusions must be questioned. This means that the fences are all down. There is nothing settled. Without any certainties to mark out the path of contemplation or conduct, men are thrown into confusion, frustrations, and chaos, and the resulting situation is one of anarchy, lawlessness, and degradation.

It is a tragedy that men, professing themselves to be wise, have become such fools. When man becomes the measure of all things, when men arrive at the point that each man does that which is right in his own eyes, there is the making for every evil work, the gradual disintegration of society, and the sure and certain destruction of civilization. Alarms are being sounded from every quarter of the land as men view the tidal wave of violence and devastation move across the world. But this cry of alarm is concerned only with the effects, almost never with the cause. And where any attention is given to cause, the one sufficient cause is bypassed or deliberately ignored.

The All-sufficient Cause

The Word of God is forever settled in heaven. The deliberate attempt to unsettle it in the earth and scuttle its message completely explains the deplorable situation into which the world is now moving. Even the professing church is doing little to serve as a restraining force for evil, because the inspiration, inerrancy, and absolute authority of the Bible have been repudiated, or made of none effect by the clever way its truth is rationalized away. Without any guiding star in the midst of this dark night of confusion and despair, men are groping their way blindly toward the brink of destruction. As long as this situation prevails, as long as men refuse to listen to some of the absolutes of the Word of God, it may well be expected that the path toward destruction will become more precipitous and the speed of descent more swift.

There Is Hope for Some

Into a world like this these young graduates are going. They have the one message this world needs. They have the one Saviour who is able to salvage from destruction. They have the one hope for a world doomed to destruction. Those who receive this message will fill out the number of the church, the salvation of which God is accomplishing during this present age. To know that Grace Schools is discharging its responsibility in the accomplishment of God's purpose during this age brings great gratification.

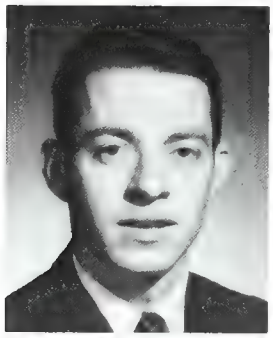
Library Fund Raising

As we have written in these columns before, we now reaffirm again, that the proposed library is essential not only for the efficient operation of Grace Schools, but also for regional accreditation for the college. For that reason a program of fund raising is being launched among the churches during the summer months. We appeal to you for prayer that this may be a successful effort. ▼

GRACE SEMINARY GRADUATES



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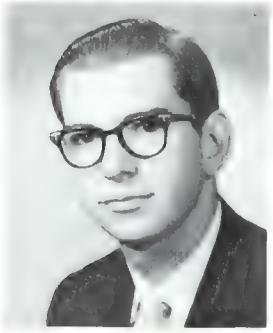
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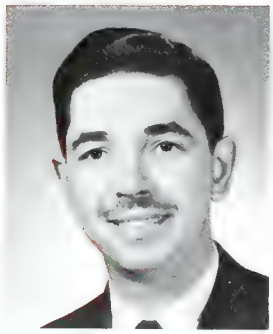
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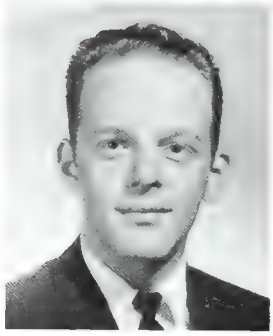
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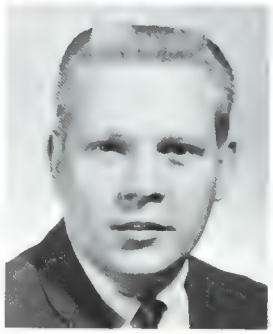
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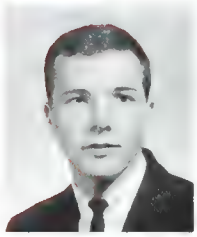
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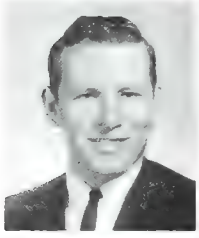
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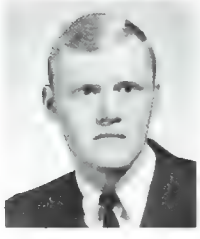
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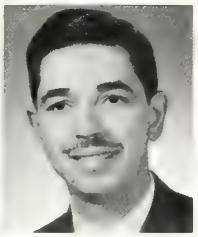
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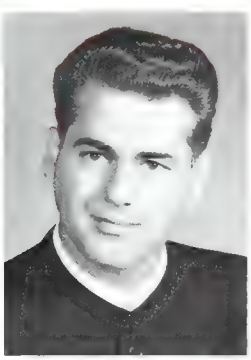


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THE CAROLAIRES—WESTERN TOUR

(Tentative Schedule)

JUNE

5—Waterloo, Iowa
Garwin, Iowa
6—Cedar Rapids, Iowa
7—Dallas Center, Iowa
8—Des Moines, Iowa
9—Beaver City, Nebr.
10—Denver, Colo.
Arvada, Colo.
12—Taos, N. Mex.
Albuquerque, N. Mex.
14—Tucson, Ariz.
15—Phoenix, Ariz.
16—San Diego, Calif.
17—San Bernardino, Calif.
18—Open
19—Rialto, Calif.
Beaumont, Calif.
20—Camp Tahquitz Pines, Calif.
21—Camp Tahquitz Pines, Calif.
22—Montclair at La Verne, Calif.
23—Open
24—Norwalk, Calif.
25—Open
26—Whittier, Calif. (Community)
Whittier, Calif. (First)
27—Open
28—Compton, Calif., Paramount, Calif., and Bellflower, Calif.
29—Gardena at Inglewood, Calif.
30—Open

JULY

1—Open
2—Open
3—Long Beach, Calif. (First)
North Long Beach, Calif.
5—Bell, Calif.
South Gate, Calif.
6—Temple City at South Pasadena, Calif.
7—Glendale, Calif.
8—Fillmore at Simi, Calif.
10—San Jose, Calif.
Modesto, Calif.
11—Tracy, Calif.
12—Sacramento, Calif.
14—Chico, Calif.
15—Albany, Oreg.
17—Beaverton, Oreg.
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20—Sunnyside, Wash.
21—Grandview, Wash.
22—Toppenish, Wash.
24—Spokane, Wash.
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28—Portis, Kans.
29—Leon, Iowa
31—North English, Iowa
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THE HARMONAIRES—EASTERN TOUR

(Tentative Schedule)

JUNE

5—Rittman, Ohio
Wooster, Ohio
6—Aleppo, Pa.
7—Open
8—Parkersburg, W. Va.
9—Clayhole, Ky.
10—Dryhill, Ky.
12—Limestone, Tenn.
Johnson City, Tenn.
13—Radford, Va.
14—Garden City, Va.
Clearbrook, Va.
Boones Mill, Va.
15—Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)
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17—Covington, Va.
18—Open
19—Buena Vista, Va.
Hollins, Va.
20—Virginia Beach, Va.
21—Open
22—Washington, D.C. (Grace)
23—Winchester, Va.
24—Seven Fountains, Va.
25—Open
26—Martinsburg, W. Va.
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)
27—Waynesboro, Pa.
28—Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)
29—Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)
30—York, Pa.

JULY

1—Manheim at Elizabethtown, Pa.
2—Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)
3—Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)
Lancaster, Pa.
4-5—North Atlantic Camp
6—Sellersville, Pa.
7-9—Open
10—Martinsburg, Pa.
11—Hollidaysburg, Pa.
12—Altoona, Pa. (Grace)
13—Altoona, Pa. (Bible)
14—Altoona, Pa. (First)
15-16—Open
17—Conemaugh, Pa. (First)
Johnstown, Pa. (First)
18—Jenners, Pa.
19—Stoystown, Pa.
20—Listie, Pa.
21—Summit Mills at Meyersdale, Pa.
22—Uniontown, Pa.
23—Open
24—Washington, Pa.
Evans City, Pa.
25—Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)
26—Kittanning, Pa. (First)
27—Open
28—Canton, Ohio
29—Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
30—Open
31—Akron, Ohio (Ellet)
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An African looks at Puerto Rico

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Editorially Speaking

God said in Exodus 3:14: "I AM THAT I AM." Yet, in the news today a challenge is being presented against the very existence of God. Just to think that there is no God is horrible to me. But to declare that God *was* alive, and is now dead and does not exist any more, is utterly unthinkable. Everything I have read of the "God Is Dead" movement says to me: "Another person wants publicity." And to me it seems he has chosen a very poor way to get it. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God," seems to have even a greater meaning today than in the day when the Psalmist, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned it in the generations past.

"Most miserable" was the characterization of those who did not believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead (I Cor. 15:19). But most, most, most miserable, hopeless, meaningless, worthless is the life that says, "God was alive, but is now dead."

Prophecy as a Testimony

Aside from our personal fellowship and communion with God, the greatest testimony to the living God is fulfilled prophecy. One or two incidents in time *might* be presented prophetically hundreds or thousands of years before fulfillment, although this is almost unthinkable. But there have been hundreds, yes, many hundreds of prophecies specifically given and exactly fulfilled. This just could not occur by the rules of chance. There must be One who is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent, and who can communicate with men. We know the true God.

> *"God never promised that the church would not be in trouble."*

Motive power in foreign missions comes through this one true God. If we make any impression for God in this godless, atheistic, "God-is-dead" world, we will need to make it through the dedication and involvement of the children of God in this great program of witnessing.

The church is the agency of the living God for His work in this age. None of us would say that the church has measured up to her full opportunities. In recent secular magazines much has been made of the theme, "The Church Is in Trouble." Who has denied that the church *is* in trouble! The church has always been in trouble. It was the activity of the church in the first centuries that filled the arenas with Christians for the lions to devour.

God never promised that the church would not be in trouble. The blood of the martyrs has always been the seed of the church. The only periods when the church has not actually been in trouble, have been when she was flirting with the world, living in compromise, and denying her Lord Jesus Christ. Then she was not in trouble with the world, but with her Lord. Persecution is never pleasant, yet the early disciples rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name. Changes in recent years, as we live in a riotous world, may well indicate that true, born-again believers will soon be having trouble with the world. It is very possible—yes, probable—that within the lifetime of most of us it will not be uncommon for true believers to pay for their faith with their lives.

Christian Literature

One of the great themes of our day is that of Christian literature. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is the outstanding agency for Brethren people in relation to this theme. This organization supplies Christian literature in the U.S.A. according to your needs, and has done much in supplying Christian literature for our Brethren missionary work overseas. Thank you, Herald Company! We wish you well. And to you Brethren people who read this, please pray for those who are in charge, and make your generous gifts to the Herald Company in this, their special offering season. ▼

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An African Looks at Puerto Rico

By Wilson Okite

Odhiambo Wilson Okite, a Kenyan, is one of the special African contacts the Lord has given Mrs. Elaine Brenneman. Many Brethren Missionary Herald *readers will remember her testimony in the January 8, 1966, issue, "A 'P.K.' Called to 'P.R.'" She stated that because of her many years interest in Africa prior to her marriage and to their decision to serve in Puerto Rico, she feels the Lord has especially given her a witness to Africans.*

Jim and I as appointees to the Brethren field in the Central African Republic are grateful for the Brennemans' work in Puerto Rico. Since last September, Okite has been studying missions in the Wheaton Graduate School of Theology and has worshiped at the Grace Brethren Church in Wheaton. Through his willingness to share the "African mind" with us, we are stimulated to learn all we can of our future home, the Central African Republic.

Imagine, as you read, a dark Kenyan face pondering as the exact words are meticulously chosen to tell the story of his adoption of Puerto Rico as his second home, of his association with the Brennemans, and of the result: salvation.

—Mrs. James Renick

PART I

An honest friend—a rare and worthy person to have around—tells me that most of what I say about Puerto Rico sounds like commercials of a Caribbean tourist agent. He knows, though, that I am not particularly interested in Puerto Rican tourism, but accepts the fact that I should consider it a compliment to be associated with the country that so generously and happily hosted me during the four vital years of my college life.

My friend attributes my enthusiasm for Puerto Rico to what he terms "a weather shock." And he might, in a sense, be right. A man of my kind, born in the tropical breezes and green hills of the heart of Africa, and living for a time amid the natural glamor of the sunny Caribbean island, would not—to say the least—embrace Chicagoland's winter with the same "commercial-sounding" devotion and warmth as he has for

Puerto Rico's all-year-round spring-summer weather.

But my interest in Puerto Rico is rooted in something much deeper than the warm ocean that surrounds it. I am interested in the challenge that Puerto Rico poses to the evangelical churches of North America. This challenge is more than "the call of the ocean," however valuable and genuine that may be for beach-seekers. It is a spiritual challenge, a call to meet and teach people swimming in the meaninglessness and anxiety of the frantic changes unfolding in Puerto Rico, as in the rest of the world, to be sure, but within the specific and unique opportunities that this island offers.

I arrived in Puerto Rico in the fall of 1961 and became one of the two thousand foreign students who study each year in the various universities and special development programs for which the island has become so famous in recent years. September to December of that year constituted my most unforgettable months. Like Columbus, I made a few far-reaching and startling discoveries. First, the language of Puerto Rico is Spanish. Secondly, it is not very easy to "win friends and influence people" in a language and a culture about which you know close to nothing. Thirdly, even in Puerto Rico—one of the most heavily populated islands in the world, inhabited by a colorful and energetic people, undergoing a dramatic and peaceful socio-cultural reconstruction, and enjoying such wonderful weather that the island is lovingly called "the daughter of the sea and the sun"—even with such a people and such drama, life can be dry, dull, and lonesome for a foreign student. My fourth and most important discovery was that if you are a stranger as I was in Puerto Rico—I mean a total stranger in terms of culture and language and race and thought patterns and so on —to run into a true Christian family is like coming to an oasis in the middle of the thirstiest desert.

It takes more than weather and excitement and the warmth of the people to make one enjoy a country. It takes an encounter with a person, a family, a group of people, who have something of infinite value to offer to you.

When I arrived in Puerto Rico I was not a confessed Christian, although I was still nursing some haunting memories of my mother's conversion. When my mother became a Christian back in 1952, I felt a strange kind of relief come upon our house. Outwardly I resisted it, and when I entered high school in 1957 I felt "big" enough to denounce Christianity publicly. But deep inside I knew there was at last a stroke of reality in our home. As my sisters one by one became Christian, and as I saw the corresponding changes in their lives, I began secretly to hope and even pray that this faith would not leave our home.

"Life can be dry, dull and lonesome for a foreign student."

And so I came to Puerto Rico with a secret desire to be a Christian, and a public desire to be a non-Christian.

What excited me most were the rare educational opportunities that the island provided to us foreign students. As a steppingstone between North and Latin America, and as a unique example of peaceful change and rapid national development, Puerto Rico is a laboratory for the emerging nations.

However great one's educational expectations are when he enters college, there are other aspects of college life which also demand his attention. My attention was drawn to the people I met within the university community: the professors, the administrators, the laborers, and the students. And I learned many things about the various groups of the college, and came to one very depressing conclusion: that the most highly "educated" men are not necessarily the "best" men on campus. This was, of course, a very disappointing discovery and severely shook my faith in education.

One of the first persons to whom I took a liking was a young California girl on the faculty. She surely was not one of those charming, swinging personalities, but she had a sincere and open manner of doing things. When I learned that she was a Christian I became curious. I learned also that she had been president of an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship when she was in college, and that she was now associated with an IVCF sister movement in Puerto Rico. She invited me to Bible study sessions, but in the beginning I was quite reluctant to attend. However, I devoured the literature that she gave me, and read over the Bible study passages many times. In public I still pretended to be absolutely indifferent.

During Christmas vacation the girl asked me if I could come with her to visit one of her best friends in San Juan, one hundred miles away from the university. And this is how I met the Brennemans, Brethren missionaries in Puerto Rico, who led me to the Lord. In the next article I will be talking about my experiences with this wonderful family.

front line christianity

by rev. phillip guerena

"Lord, teach me to be on the front line."

And what is the front line in the Christian life?

Some would say that it is in darkest Africa. Others might opine that it is the life of a pastor. Still others would say that of a seminary teacher or student, or maybe an ordinary church worker. A disciple of Christ would certainly want to be where the going is the most difficult and the action the thickest. Or would he? But it does seem logical that a devoted soldier of Christ would want to live and die fighting on the front line under the banner of the cross of Jesus.

One who knew how to breathe this prayer was David Brainerd, missionary to the New England Indians from 1743 to 1747. He was a Yale man; yet he went into the uneducated tribes of his day with the Gospel. Anyone would have said that this young man of 26 years would be throwing away his education and life. But David went to the people nobody wanted. Some dared to say that these savages had no souls. Even many of the natives of North America laughed at him and called him the "blabber." But David Brainerd went where God wanted him to be and did what God wanted him to do.

The results were amazing. In the four years he had to live (he died at the age of 30), he probably did more to evangelize the American Indians than any other man or organization in the last one hundred years. This man had a confidence in Christ to make him trust that there would be converts every time he preached to the Indians. It seems that every time he preached he had more reason to trust in Christ, because the converts always came.

Anyone who reads the life of Paul in the Book of Acts must admit that he was on the front line for the Lord. Everywhere this man went, he put his life at stake in order to preach the Gospel. Consequently, there were riots everywhere Paul went. People tried to kill him several times. He just moved out of the danger zones when the trouble was the hottest. But he lived to preach another day and caused another riot elsewhere. It was said that Paul and his men turned the world upside down. This apostle would have made a superb missionary among university students in Latin America.

But what is the front line in the Christian warfare? It is nothing less than being in God's will and *doing* the work He demands there of His disciple. It is not enough merely to be in God's place; the main thing is working at the job in God's will, because when one is actually doing the work that God has for him, he is denying himself. This is the front line, denying self and faithfully performing the task that Christ wants done.

It seems that Saint Paul did not want to be the apostle to the Gentiles. He constantly wanted to witness in Jerusalem. He often took up offerings for the Jerusalem brethren. In Romans 9:3 he said that he was willing to trade in his salvation in order that his people might know Christ personally and intimately as their Saviour. Then in Romans 10:1 he confessed that his great desire and prayer was that Israel might be saved.

A Yale man . . . a Montana farmer . . . and the man who hated New Guinea

Paul's will for himself was to bear witness to the Jews. But God's will was for him to go out to the uttermost parts of the earth, to the Gentile first (Acts 9:15). Paul was one of the best educated men in his day. He wanted to reside in the cultural center of Jerusalem as a witness for Christ. Every time he raised his voice abroad to the Gentiles, he was denying self. This was the front line for Paul. But here he experienced the joy and peace of Christ that was to be found only here.

There is the case of the Christian rancher in Montana. He was born to be a rancher. He loved caring for cows and seeing things grow on his ranch. But God called him to be a pastor. This man finally sold his tractor and his ranch with much sadness. Now he is living in a city, where he does not wish to be, and is pastoring people instead of caring for cows. He had a much easier time with the cows. One might call this man a modern Amos (Amos 7:10-17).

Then there is the dedicated Christian who hated New Guinea. He said that this island was one of the hottest places in the world as well as one of the most humid. He went on to say that malaria and other tropical diseases were commonplace there. However, he concluded: "That is where my family and I are going to preach, because that is where God wants me to work for Him."

A Christian office worker might want to be out preaching the Gospel in some adventurous country. But if he is doing the job that God has for him, he is on the front line! Many seminary students are anxious to be out in Christian work before they finish school. But if they are in God's will and working at His job, they are on the front line. If only all students would learn this lesson, they would do less "Christian service" and be more devoted students for the sake of Christ. Many Christian workers learn this too late and their Greek and Hebrew suffer for the rest of their lives. There is no such thing as an ordinary church worker. If that person is in God's place and faithfully laboring there, he is on the front line.

It took David Brainerd just a few years to finish his work. The apostle Paul took much longer, because God had more work for him. But he retired from this earthly life saying, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,* I have kept the faith" (II Tim. 4:7).

Jesus Christ is the supreme example for any Christian. He said in John 4:34: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and *to finish his work.*" When he was thirsty, he spoke to the woman at the well. When he was sleepy, he got up and rebuked the sea. Often when he was tired, he prayed. When he was going to the cross, he took a detour in order to speak to Zaccheus. Yes, Jesus finished all the work that the Father had for Him. At last He died, saying, "It is finished." When Christ conquered death there was nothing left undone that led to His glorious resurrection.

A true disciple of Christ would want to follow his Master in this aspect of life: that is, to do and to finish the job He has for His warrior. Looking unto Jesus the Author and *Finisher* of our faith, we would want to pray: "Lord, teach me to be on the front line. Dear Jesus, You were always there, working and fighting. Lord, teach me to work in my place as You worked in Yours. All Your faithful followers finished their work; Lord, teach me to toil and to finish the work You have for me. Teach me to be on the front line." ▼



About the Author–

Phil Guerena and his wife and family have lived in Mexico City for the past three years. Through personal witnessing, much of which has been done among students in the National University there, a number of people have accepted Christ as Saviour and a Brethren church has been officially organized. A large percentage of these converts have now taken a special course in witnessing and soul-winning under Campus Crusade, and through their own witnessing campaigns have in turn won others to the Lord. Recently, in a step of faith, this group decided to help support a Japanese young man, formerly a student among them and a baptized member of their church, who has returned to his native land and is witnessing for the Lord there.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE





Knowing Your Missionaries

The Balzers have been missionaries in Africa for 20 years. Mr. Al Balzer is the mission's builder. He builds homes for missionaries, hospitals, churches, and other buildings. His wife, Elsie, teaches Bible and music to women and children. The Balzers usually live in a trailer because they travel around to different places to work. One of the nice churches that Mr. Balzer has built is the one in the picture above. It is in Bangui, the capital city of the Central African Republic.



Missionary Helpers

Bryce Inman is ten years old and his sister Laurel is eight. They live in Denver, Colorado, where their daddy is the pastor of the Denver Grace Brethren Church.

MARY MISSIONARY



(*Use first letters of each word to remind you of a disciple: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Simon, Thaddeus, Judas. Aunt Alys is anxious that all Missionary Helpers learn the names of Jesus' disciples!

Missionaries at Their Typewriters . . .

San Juan, Puerto Rico

The quiz team has come and gone with the usual rich blessing and results. I feel safe in saying that this team was exceptional. The spirit of every one of them was the best and they were most cooperative.

We had a wonderful time challenging the champions. Of course, we were defeated, but the sport of it was electrifying. We had a good attendance for the contest, which we held in the new extended area at the back of the house. May I say here that the new area is certainly a blessing to the work.

A new Bible class has been started on Thursday nights. The adults of the church expressed themselves as wanting a concentrated Bible study, and we started on March 31, meeting in different homes. We started the book of Genesis, and the enthusiasm is encouraging. I hope it will stimulate the folks to bring in others and thus make the class another builder for the church.

Rev. Maxwell Brenneman

Medical Center, Boguila
Central African Republic

Today is a beautiful Lord's Day. It has been one of those extra-special days—a rare one—no emergency at the hospital in the last 24 hours, and no company of sick missionaries, or well ones either, for that matter. It is just a day of rest! There were three decisions at the church this morning, and Dr. Taber went to another church to preach, about thirty kilometers from here.

This week we had another of our famous strangulated hernias. This grandmother was a Christian and one of our church members about 11 kilometers from Boguila. The poor soul had this hernia for a long time, but it strangulated and the skin got so tight that it glistened. But the family said, this is not the hernia, it is another abcess. (It was the size of two big oranges.) Anyway, they punctured it with a sharp instrument—probably a spear—and, lo and behold, they were wrong; it was a strangulated hernia all right. So, they were scared and came in on the run: "Please come and get Mama right away, something terrible just happened to her! She had a strangulated hernia and we thought it was an abcess and it is all coming through the skin!"

Needless to say, Dr. Taber got into the Peugeot pickup and went out and got her. When she arrived, I told Dr. Mason that humanly speaking she had no chance to live. But as we always say, where there is life there is hope. We got her ready for surgery, and put her on the table thinking she would never get off it alive. We did a bowel resection, put a drain in the place that was opened in the village, gave her antibiotics and I.V.'s, and now she is greeting us in the mornings and saying "Thank you, thank you" as we come in! She is certainly alive in answer to prayer.

Miss Mary Ann Habegger

Icoaraci, Brazil

(Excerpts from a letter from the Altigs concerning the trip back to Belem from Sao Paulo, where they took delivery of a pick-up)

Some of you may remember that when we were here during the second term, we became acquainted with a family, the man of which was a radio operator. I taught him English, and as a result he was able to go to the States, take a course in radar operation, and get a much better position in the Brazilian Air Force, where he is a sergeant. Arriving in Campinas, we looked for their name in the phone book, but it was not listed. Then we called the local air base; they had a group of Air Force people there who knew Albert and gave me a phone number to call. I called and got the man himself. He could hardly believe that we were in town, and told us to stay right there and he would come and get us, which he did in about ten minutes. What a greeting! They were really glad to see us and took us to their home in a very beautiful part of the city, where we stayed for two nights.

Saturday morning we left Campinas and took off for Belem, about eighteen hundred miles on the far side of the jungle. Brazil is a really big country and in the south it is a rich country. It looks like the high plateau part of New Mexico or Colorado without the high mountains. There are rolling hills, valleys with farms and rivers, cities and towns, and for the first third of the way, asphalted roads with filling stations and restaurants. There was rain every once in a while so the weather was fine. The first night out we found the finest motel on the whole road, where we got a room for two dollars. It even had a private bathroom. We found nothing like it anywhere else.

The second night out we couldn't find a place to sleep, so I cut a lot of grass and put it on the floor of the pickup, laid a blanket over it, and slept there. Vivian slept on the front seat. During the night a herd of cattle came by, and one of them came near the back of the truck and looked in for a long time. I was afraid he was going to start eating the grass I was sleeping on. The next day I bought a mattress for a dollar and a half and we slept in the car most of the nights.

All in all, the trip was a wonderful experience. We are thankful to the Lord for His protection and blessing every turn of the wheels, and now we have this fine transportation which we can use to take the Gospel to any part of the land.

Rev. J. Keith Altig

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Missionary Goings and Comings

June-July 1966

TO AFRICA: Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kliever, leaving June 8.
Rev. and Mrs. George Cone and family and Miss Ruth Kent, leaving July 7.
Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy and three of their five children, leaving July 15.

FROM AFRICA: Miss Carolyn Oberholtzer, supply teacher, leaving about July 1.
Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson, leaving July 26.

FROM PUERTO RICO: Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, June 2, for two months' vacation.

TO PUERTO RICO: Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, to supply during the Dicksons' absence.



On the Teen Scene

WITH DAN GRABILL
National Youth Director

The Land of Enchantment

Editor's note: It was on April 2, 1966, that six quizzers and their coach from Northern Ohio left terra firma for a flight to Puerto Rico. As national champions, they were awarded this trip, but the trip itself was not the only reward. Listen to three of the teens as they give their impressions and a prayer.

". . . As I looked out the window of our jet, I could see only water and clouds. Suddenly I saw land. Our plane landed and finally the dream of six quizzers and their coach came true. We had arrived in Puerto Rico. We were greeted by the Brennemans and the Dicksons. Little did we know what a wonderful week the Lord had in store for us.

"Sunday . . . a complete family baptized by Rev. Brenneman. Monday . . . to the deaf mission where the Lord really burdened our hearts for these children. Then we were off to the beach. Tuesday . . . literature distribution in the Dicksons' area. The people were very receptive to us and God's Word. Tuesday night . . . three quizzers and Mrs. Brenneman got very sick. It proved a quite interesting night for all, but God was with us and drew us closer to Him through it. Wednesday . . . a tour of Old San Juan. Although a little weak and pale, we learned about Casa Blanca and toured the fortifications of San Juan. Thursday . . . the University of Puerto Rico. We went to the open market too, but did not buy anything! Friday was Good Friday, and so we distributed literature in the Brennemans' section. Later we went to the Catholic parade. This really burdened my heart as the climax of the parade was the carrying of the body of Jesus in a casket through the town. I praise the Lord that I serve and worship a living Christ. Saturday came too soon for us all. Goodbyes are always hard to say, especially to people you love. That week each of us walked closer to God and experienced a missionary's defeats and victories.

"On the jet headed home to Ohio, I recalled that night in August when we became 'God's Team.' Many months were spent in prayer and preparation for our trip, and God rewarded us greatly.

"Our team thanks all who prayed for us during our week in Puerto Rico and all who made our trip possible.

"Yes, the Northern Ohio quiz team found Puerto Rico to be the Land of Enchantment."

". . . The work of the missionaries in Puerto Rico impressed me. Now I have a clearer picture of what missionary work really is. I know now that it takes a lot of work, but since it is the Lord's work, it's worth it. Through this experience, I have become keenly interested in missions, especially that of Puerto Rico. My heart's desire is someday to return to Puerto Rico and possibly enter the mission field. However, no matter what I do, I want to follow the leading of the Lord and be in His will."

". . . Oh, I pray that many of us now will prepare for mission fields where God chooses."



Left to right: Ed Cole; Mrs. Kettering, coach; Stan White; Joan Silvius; Randy Kettering; Marge Karbula; Randy Bowman.

Laymen's Page

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LAYMEN IN THE NEWS

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT. Rev. Bill Smith, Director of Evangelism, is to speak at the laymen's district conference June 11. He will also be speaking to the Southeast District laymen July 5-7 during the district conference.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The district laymen have begun a publication entitled *Beacon*. It will feature testimonies of laymen, guest editorials, coming events, meeting reports, etc. George Peters is editor. The first issue of the publication reported the results of a literature campaign in Lodi, Ohio, where three decisions for Christ were made and a new Bible class begun.

LANCASTER, PA. Larry Fulgenzi reports that the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church recently sponsored a visitation seminar with the laymen of the church participating. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bailey of Campus Crusade for Christ. The seminar consisted of three two-hour sessions, with those participating doing visitation and witnessing the Sunday afternoon following the seminar. Mr. Fulgenzi reports that the Lord really blessed, and that the seminar was a real boost to their visitation program.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism reports that approximately $7,000 has been received thus far from churches observing Evangelism Sunday, Feb. 28. Many churches made it "Laymen's Day" with the men taking an active part in the services, and then receiving an offering for the Board of Evangelism. (Note: Another man will begin his ministry of evangelism January 1, 1967, with the board. This will bring the total to three full-time men that will be employed by this board. Men's groups are encouraged to continue to support this work which has been greatly blessed of the Lord this past year.)



NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. The laymen held their recent district meeting at Camp Pinebrook in the Pocono Mountains. Addressing the group above is Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of Grace Seminary.



OSCEOLA, IND. Pictured above is a banquet sponsored by the men's fellowship of the Osceola Brethren Church. Rev. Robert Yunker, a missionary to Japan under TEAM, and a member of the Elkhart Grace Brethren Church, was the featured speaker. Fifty-one were present.

The men's group holds regular monthly business and social meetings, and a weekly Saturday morning prayer breakfast. Twelve to twenty men usually attend. The men support the Radio Bible Class, Christian League to Forgotten Men, Pacific Garden Mission, and the Robert Yunker family. They also purchased six church bells to be sent to Africa, and observed Evangelism Sunday. Glenn Staley is president of the group, and the other officers are Gerald Cook, Jack Yearger, Warren Bradley and Homer Hanna.



Speaker's table at the Osceola banquet. Left to right: Garry Butt, Homer Hanna, Rev. Robert Yunker, and Glen Staley.

Dear Brethren Laymen:

Forgive me for not taking the time sooner to thank you for the scholarship granted to me by the Brethren Laymen. The scholarship was an answer to prayer on my part. I'm sure that not only myself but other students as well are thankful very much for men like you and your fellowship.

Thank you again.



Sherry Hyre

PUBLICATION OFFERING REPORT

	1963	1964	1965
Accident, Md.			$1.00
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	89.50	84.00	82.50
Akron, Ohio (First)	328.98	149.37	60.75
Albany, Oreg.	45.00	63.00	52.00
Aleppo, Pa.	7.00	16.00	5.00
Alexandria, Va.	156.90	93.60	138.55
Allentown, Pa.	65.50	36.21	89.10
Alto, Mich.	52.25	55.00	48.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	221.30	207.25	218.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)		38.75	42.20
Anaheim, Calif.		30.00	10.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	57.00	73.00	188.50
Arlington, Calif.		2.00	22.55
Artesia, Calif.	22.00	15.50	
Arvada, Colo.	10.00	21.40	
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	375.00	298.50	260.00
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)		61.08	121.89
Barberton, Ohio	69.38	58.50	47.50
Beaumont, Calif.	95.50	84.00	103.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	2.25	2.00	10.00
Beaverton, Oreg.			12.80
Bell, Calif.	19.50	36.50	7.00
Bellflower, Calif.	5.05	5.00	102.76
Berne, Ind.	250.50	353.00	477.65
Berrien Springs, Mich.	23.00	49.02	
Brookville, Ohio	34.00	48.90	31.00
Buena Vista, Va.	336.77	61.43	
Camden, Ohio	9.25	7.00	14.50
Canton, Ohio	74.41	188.75	90.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	53.00	157.35	
Cheyenne, Wyo.			5.00
Chico, Calif.	13.50	10.00	20.00
Clay City, Ind.	42.00	7.00	28.25
Clayhole, Ky.	37.70	20.05	19.00
Clayton, Ohio	143.30	167.00	133.25
Cleveland, Ohio	22.00	37.00	43.75
Colton, Calif.		38.04	
Columbus, Ohio			43.00
Compton, Calif.	191.78	112.70	218.85
Conemaugh, Pa.	89.00		108.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	41.00	36.00	26.00
Covington, Ohio	5.00		
Covington, Va.	96.00	113.00	85.15
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	59.87	340.13	236.00
Dallas Center, Iowa	236.50	213.00	335.09
Danville, Ohio	68.00	31.00	44.25
Davenport, Iowa		53.05	27.30
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)		32.00	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	480.64	508.60	662.00
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)			17.25
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	156.06	166.08	171.46
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	5.00	29.50	10.00
Des Moines, Iowa	10.00		21.00
Denver, Colo.	10.00	5.00	
Dryhill, Ky.	2.23		9.95
Elizabethtown, Pa.			35.00
Elkhart, Ind.	72.00	41.50	85.66
Elyria, Ohio			1.00
Englewood, Ohio	499.43	365.61	582.53
Everett, Pa.		5.00	10.00
Fillmore, Calif.	98.50	112.50	76.50
Findlay, Ohio	121.78	94.05	121.25
Flora, Ind.	191.00	74.50	71.50
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	298.50	337.00	285.50
Fort Myers, Fla.		15.00	10.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	1,064.70	957.15	489.56
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	84.12	36.29	192.40

GIFTS TO THE BRETHR

Fremont, Ohio	
Galion, Ohio	
Garden Grove, Calif.	
Gardena, Calif.	
Garwin, Iowa	
Glendale, Calif.	
Glendora, Calif.	
Goshen, Ind.	
Grafton, W. Va.	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	
Grandview, Wash.	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	
Harrah, Wash.	
Harrisburg, Pa.	
Hastings, Mich.	
Hatboro, Pa.	
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	
Hollins, Va.	
Homerville, Ohio	
Inglewood, Calif.	
Jackson, Mich.	
Jenners, Pa.	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	
Kent, Wash.	
Kettering, Ohio	
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)	
Kokomo, Ind.	
La Habra, Calif.	
La Puente, Calif.	
Lake Odessa, Mich.	
Lancaster, Pa.	
Lansing, Mich.	
La Verne, Calif.	
Leamersville, Pa.	
Leesburg, Ind.	
Leon, Iowa	
Limestone, Tenn.	
Listie, Pa.	
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	
Los Altos, Calif.	
Manheim, Pa.	
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	
Margate, Fla.	
Martinsburg, Pa.	
Martinsburg, W. Va.	
Meyersdale, Pa.	
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	
Middlebranch, Ohio	
Mill Run, Md.	
Modesto, Calif. (Community)	
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	
Montclair, Calif.	
New Troy, Mich.	
North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	
Norwalk, Calif.	
Orlando, Fla.	
Osceola, Ind.	
Ozark, Mich.	
Palmyra, Pa.	
Paramount, Calif.	

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12.74	383.44	**403.00**
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16.50	20.00	**15.00**
28.38	85.40	**50.50**
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	56.48	**37.13**
79.57	451.50	**537.41**
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94.50	87.00	**108.00**
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540.06	478.52	**319.30**
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	68.00	
1.00	41.80	**21.00**
24.00		**13.50**
170.00	144.50	**165.00**
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185.15	204.00	**71.25**
		59.52
29.90	6.00	**71.00**
10.00	26.00	**19.00**
305.15	91.00	**149.95**
118.39	27.50	**15.60**

January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965

	1963	1964	1965
Parkersburg, W. Va.	9.50	9.33	**32.50**
Peru, Ind.	59.00	54.50	**13.50**
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	244.00	252.00	**254.00**
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	298.00	209.00	**167.50**
Phoenix, Ariz.	54.98	74.78	**105.19**
Pompano Beach, Fla.	12.40	13.70	**10.45**
Portis, Kans.	132.00	153.00	**148.75**
Portland, Ind.			**10.40**
Portland, Oreg.	17.10	33.20	**55.50**
Puerto Rico		5.00	**23.08**
Radford, Va.	10.00	10.00	
Rialto, Calif.	107.08	130.27	**170.36**
Rittman, Ohio	372.00	429.00	**449.25**
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	138.00	111.50	**118.00**
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	362.00	341.25	**314.50**
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Hgts.)	149.89	73.50	**66.25**
Sacramento, Calif.	37.00	42.00	
San Bernardino, Calif.	26.61		**5.26**
San Diego, Calif.		24.50	**5.00**
San Jose, Calif.	21.50	16.00	**22.00**
Seal Beach, Calif.			**5.00**
Seattle, Wash.		9.37	**5.00**
Sellersburg, Ind.		5.00	
Sidney, Ind.	107.00	130.05	**100.25**
Simi, Calif.			**25.00**
Singer Hill, Pa.	29.00	71.00	**17.00**
South Bend, Ind.	118.75	124.50	**153.50**
South Gate, Calif.	86.00	155.50	**67.75**
South Pasadena, Calif.	4.00		
Spokane, Wash.	5.00		**15.06**
Sterling, Ohio	21.00	32.00	**10.00**
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	34.00	21.50	**40.28**
Sunnyside, Wash.	266.50	219.50	**205.50**
Taos, N. Mex.	39.36	65.10	
Temple City, Calif.	31.10	38.67	**52.58**
Toppenish, Wash.	12.00	19.25	**3.50**
Tracy, Calif.	5.00	5.00	**5.00**
Trotwood, Ohio	19.50	20.50	**8.00**
Troy, Ohio	57.50	54.50	**21.20**
Tucson, Ariz.	25.00	14.15	**21.00**
Uniontown, Pa.	288.25	259.47	**262.13**
Vandalia, Ohio	163.00	103.69	**46.00**
Vicksburg, Pa.		5.00	**100.00**
Virginia Beach, Va.	20.65		**40.91**
Warsaw, Ind.	85.50	121.96	**136.85**
Washington, D.C. (First)	161.25	171.10	**168.00**
Washington, D.C. (Grace)	25.90	34.00	**60.00**
Washington, Pa.	120.00	193.00	**123.00**
Waterloo, Iowa	142.00	139.50	**211.76**
Waynesboro, Pa.	444.98	203.00	**182.80**
West Alexandria, Ohio		35.58	**25.71**
Westminster, Calif.	10.50	5.00	**17.00**
Wheaton, Ill.	15.00	98.51	**307.58**
Whittier, Calif. (First)	23.00	124.25	**112.10**
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	115.73	32.00	**5.00**
Winchester, Va.	560.11	586.95	**593.80**
Winona, Minn.		8.50	
Winona Lake, Ind.	1,256.25	1,266.25	**1,581.00**
Wooster, Ohio	278.76	321.78	**227.75**
Yakima, Wash.	59.92	27.42	**5.00**
York, Pa.	85.21	113.65	**130.51**
Allegheny District	10.00		
National Laymen	25.00	25.00	**30.00**
Navajo Mission	25.00	55.00	
Isolated, Non-Brethren, etc.	708.28	240.50	**142.63**
	21,704.16	20,817.35	**20,652.35**

THE THREE F's of CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE



By Mrs. Donald Hocking

(Rev. and Mrs. Hocking are Brethren Missionaries in Africa)

In studying the doctrine of salvation, we find three phases of salvation —past, present, and future. In Philippians 3:7-21, Paul deals with these three phases. As we study this passage in our King James Version, we find that all three begin with the letter "F."

Found in Christ (Phil. 3:7-9)

Pearl S. Buck tells of a child who was placed in an orphanage because of the violent death of her entire family. Later she was temporarily placed in a number of foster homes. However, the result was always the same—she was returned to the orphanage because she refused to communicate with those about her. When Pearl Buck was told of the child, she immediately offered to take her into her home, although she knew it would be impossible for her to adopt the child because of age restrictions. Patiently she worked with the child, showing her in every way possible that she was loved and wanted. After a short period of time the child began to show signs of desiring to communicate, and finally one day she broke through and spoke. She was subsequently placed in a home where she led a happy, normal life. This child had been emotionally lost. Home and loved ones had been swept from her, and it was not until she saw and experienced love once again that she found herself and became a happy child.

Perhaps you have experienced the frustrations of being physically lost. It may have been in the woods, or in a crowd, or in an unfamiliar city—no matter where, the sensation is the same. The joy and the peace which follow when you are found are inexplicable.

All who have never accepted Christ as Saviour are lost. They are experiencing daily the frustrations which life in this day and age produce. They are experiencing dissatisfaction with self and others without knowing the cause. They are lost spiritually, and it is only when they become conscious of the wonderful love of Christ that there is hope for them.

In Philippians 3:9 Paul tells us that he counted all things as dung that he might win Christ and be *found* in Him. Paul understood his own spiritual condition. He accepted by faith the righteousness which God offered him in love through Christ, and consequently he was found.

The peace and joy which flood our hearts upon conversion are just as inexplicable as those experienced when we are found after being physically lost. We at last are able to rest in peace, knowing that God knows all things and that He does all things well.

Fellowship with Christ (Phil. 3:10-14)

The dictionary gives as a meaning of fellowship "a mutual sharing, as of experience, activity, or interests." Paul tells us that he counted all things but dung in order to know Christ and His power and in order to share His sufferings. Are we really enjoying fellowship with Christ? Do we really long to know His power? Do we want to share in the sufferings which the cause of Christ is experiencing in the world today?

When we have fellowship with someone, there is an interchange of experiences, activities, or conversation. So it must be in our fellowship with Christ. We must be so aware of His presence with us daily that we can know and feel His guiding hand in our every activity. We must practice the presence of God—share our burdens, secrets, expectations and plans with Him—and He will share His enlightening power with us.

When our fellowship on the human plane is broken, it is usually because of differences of opinion, plans, ideas, or desires. We no longer have the same goal as our companion; therefore, we no longer enjoy his company. If our fellowship with our Saviour is broken, it is because His plan is no longer our plan and His desires have transcended our own. We no longer enjoy prayer, Bible study, church services, because our goals no longer correspond with those of Christ.

Once we have been found through faith in Christ, we can never be lost again. However, the joy and peace which we experienced at that moment when we were found can be marred if we do not daily have fellowship with Christ. He is ever ready to be made a part of our daily lives—it is we who shut Him out. Let us pray with Paul, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the *fellowship* of his sufferings."

Fashioned like Christ (Phil. 3:20-21)

In these verses we find the final state of our salvation. "For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body."

We are exhorted often in Scripture to follow Christ's example in our daily walk. We are told to follow His steps, to be holy as He is holy, to be obedient, and to have His humility and submissiveness (I Peter 2:21; 1: 16; Phil. 2:5-8). These are goals for which we daily strive. We long to be

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WMC District Rallies Are Unique

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT WMC RALLY AT PINEBROOK

The Northern Atlantic District conference was a great blessing to 70 ladies who attended the WMC sessions. Mrs. Jake Kliever gave excellent, informative messages. (I recommend her highly for a speaker!) The district is happy to report that over $700 has come in for the project of support of the Aelligs (Swiss missionaries to Africa).

Mrs. Joyce Griffith, President

WEIGHTS BECOME WINGS

"This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it." This is often said of the Lord's Day, but we can truly say it of Thursday, May 5, when we had our East District WMC rally at Pike church, Mundy's Corner, Pennsylvania.

As guest speakers we had Mrs. Thomas Hammers, national WMC president; Mrs. Williard Smith, national recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Ashman, national financial secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Leslie Moore, past national project chairman and SMM patroness.

They conducted a panel discussion on "The Scope of the 'M' in WMC." Using the idea of "Win a Friend," they hit upon "Winifred" or "Winnie," and let her represent the average WMC lady. In the discussion they informed "Winnie" about much of the workings of WMC and concerning our goals.

Mrs. Williard Smith sang an unusual solo about Belshazzar's guilt as declared by the handwriting on the wall, contrasted with *her* testimony, "My Sins Are Gone" and "After." She sang another solo, and three of the group presented a beautiful trio as a final charge to the officers whom Mrs. Hammers had just installed.

Mrs. Moore gave us some SMM vitamins. She mentioned characteristics such as availability, steadfastness, and alertness, that we need as patronesses, and likened them to various kinds of vitamins.

A delight which we had not planned, but which our Heavenly Father planned for us, was the presence of two missionaries, Miss Edith Geske and Miss Marian Thurston. They had just participated in a missionary rally and stayed to attend our WMC rally before going on to Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Each one gave an interesting greeting.

Mrs. Hammers gave a WMC challenge in line with the rally theme, "Let Us Not Be Weary." She spoke of the great weariness and burdens we sometimes experience. We are to take these as a trust from God and a means by which He will increase our usefulness and show His power. The weights attached to us by His will can become wings by which we may soar to undreamed-of heights.

Mrs. Fred Walter, Secretary



Pictured above are the newly-elected Northern Atlantic District officers. Front row, left to right: Miss Barbara Kolb, second vice-president; Mrs. Earle Peer, first vice-president; and Mrs. Walter Fretz, secretary. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Robert Griffith, president, and Mrs. Russel Weber, treasurer. Three of the officers are not pictured: Mrs. W. L. Gingrich, assistant secretary; Mrs. William Tweeddale, prayer chairman; and Mrs. Esther Anthony, SMM patroness. (Photo by Allen Zook)

ASHLAND SOUTHVIEW—NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT RALLY

Spring had finally come in northern Ohio by April 22, and WMC members on the way to their district conference at the Ashland Southview church could feast their eyes on yellow daffodils and forsythia, purple, pink and white hyacinths, delicate leaf-buds and very green grass.

The second conference day opened with devotions led by Rev. Dave Hocking, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, church. He urged us to remember that love is the thing we need today; the Lord will spread it in our hearts. Then we separated for our WMC session; we realized that the keynote for the day had been struck when our prayer chairman, Mrs. Mary Coleman, spoke of Emily Carmichael and her Indian orphans who loved her. Mary urged us to enter into prayer just to love God.

After the time of prayer the first business session was held. The project offering was to be divided between the new missionary residence and Fremont Brethren Chapel. The credential committee reported 103 delegates. The credential offering was given to two of our newest councils, Norton Center and Akron Fairlawn, for furnishings for their churches. Our project chairman, Mrs. Alice Holmes, announced projects

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By Mrs. Lee Jenkins

(Part of a message given at the Virginia Beach, Virginia, Mother-Daughter Banquet)

A DIFFERENT LOVE

There are many kinds of love in this world. Take, for instance, the love a tiny child has for a favorite toy. Remember that blanket, Mom? When the child gets older a pet no doubt takes first place in his heart. In our house it has been cats.

By the time girls reach their teens they have discovered boys. Of course, boys have been there all the time, but for some strange reason they take on a new importance.

Girls get very chummy with each other at this age, and we have the love of a good friend. This girl is the girl to whom you tell something in strict confidence and then sit back and wait to see how long she can keep quiet. Let me give you a clue, girls; if you don't want the secret to get out, don't tell anyone about it.

All the while somewhere in the background there has been a lady in the house. She cleans, washes dishes, does the laundry and sewing, is a chauffeur, a nurse and you name it.

This lady of the house is called mother. Here we have a different love. It is special in many ways. There is nothing to compare with the love a mother and daughter share. When a girl needs to tell someone her troubles, who listens? When she can't make a decision on an important matter, who can help her decide? Mom, of course.

From the first day your daughter came to share your home you should have determined with God's help to raise her according to God's leading. It is never too early to take children to church. If they are taken from the first they will learn early that God is supreme in your life and therefore should be in theirs. Then is the time to begin telling them of God's love for them. Until children are old enough to know differently they look up to both mother and father as the supreme beings. We are, in their eyes, a god. How dare we fail them by not walking according to God's will that we may prepare the way for Him to become the real God in their lives! Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Mother, be firm in your discipline of that daughter. Even though she may not like the idea, one day she will thank you for it. Take a trip backwards into your own girlhood and remember just how you felt at various stages of your life. It should temper your correction of your daughter. I can well remember how mistreated I thought I was during my growing-up years. At times I thought I had the meanest mom around. Surely I knew right from wrong and could very well take care of myself. It was years later, when I became a mother myself, that I wrote my mother thanking her for the strict code by which she brought me up. Then I could see the pitfalls that my inexperienced eyes failed to show me when I was a girl.

Teach your daughter what a mother should be by the example you live before her. The old saying, "What you do speaks so loud I can't hear what you say," reminds us of the importance of a right walk before our children. Motivate your daughter to acquire the habit of daily prayer and Bible reading. Have a family altar time when all members of the family can take part. Encourage her, at an early age, to talk things over with God and seek His will in all things. Lead her to make a decision to accept Christ as her Saviour. There will be no greater thrill for you than the day she decides to take that step.

Teach her what the Bible means when it says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Help her to know the difference between good companions and bad, so that she may have a sense of values that will stand her in good all her life.

Give her responsibilities to help prepare her for the business of making her way in this world. Jobs around the house never hurt a girl. Most like to cook and are eager to learn. Of course, you could do the job faster and with less mess, but how else is she to learn? All the chores a woman does a daughter should learn to do. The results will be slow to meet with your approval but one day they will. Learn to show your approval by word and action. A spoonful of praise will one day bake a cake of self-assurance and happiness.

When the questions of life arise be quick to answer them for her. Perhaps this will not be easy for you

The Queen's Writing Paper

The story is told of a visit which Queen Victoria once made to a paper mill. The owner showed her through the mill, not knowing who she was, and, among other places, he took her into the "rag" room. When she saw the soiled and impure conditions of the rags, she exclaimed, "How can these rags ever be made white?"

The owner of the mill replied, "We have a chemical process by which we can take the color out of even the red rags." Before she left, the owner discovered that his visitor was none other than the Queen herself!

Some time afterward, the Queen found upon her desk a quantity of the most beautifully finished paper she had ever seen. On each sheet were the letters of her own name. There was also a note, which read as follows:

"Will Her Majesty be pleased to accept a specimen of my paper, with the assurance that every sheet was manufactured out of the dirty rags which she saw? I trust the result is such that Her Majesty may admire it. Will Her Majesty also allow me to say that I also have had a good many sermons preached to me in my mill? I can understand how the Lord Jesus can take the poor heathen, and the vilest of the vile, and make them clean; and how, though their sins be as scarlet He can make them white as snow. And I can see how He can put His own name upon them; and, just as those rags, transformed, may go into the palace and be admired; so poor sinners can be cleansed, and be received into the palace of the Great King."

Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

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but it is your job. Don't leave such vital information to come from girl friends who may be misinformed. Being ready with an answer on life and all that pertains to it will build up a trust that is vital.

Advise your daughter concerning the boys she dates. Insist that she bring them home to meet you and her father, and then treat them like friends and not an obstacle course. Then when Mr. Right comes along both you and she will know it. Over the years she will have built up a trust in your opinion and a faith in your judgment. She will, in fact, be applying these same judgments to make her own decision.

By displaying a loving relationship with your husband you will have sown the seeds of a happy future home for your daughter. She will be apt to choose a man much like her own father if he has shown her the love and example that he should have.

These children with whom we have been blessed are not ours to own. They are but lent to us along with the responsibility to bring them up correctly. Only by God's help and guidance can we ever expect to accomplish the job. ▼



From the Brethren Navajo Mission

Dear WMC Ladies:

Greetings in the Lord's name!

The Brethren Navajo Mission compound is undergoing major physical changes. Nearly five hundred feet of sidewalks and seven hundred feet of roadway plus a large play area all in concrete will appear, the Lord willing, in the next few weeks.

We on the staff of the Brethren Navajo Mission wish to express our sincere thanks to the WMC ladies for making such a project a reality. We trust that these physical blessings for all who labor here will be translated into spiritual blessings for our Navajo people.

We trust, too, that prayer support for getting the gospel out to Navajo people will not end with the completion of this project. We continue to count on you to stand behind us in reaching these people for Christ.

In Him,
Larry Wedertz
Superintendent

Local Councils Report



Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. There was a double blessing for the Virginia Beach "Rose Foster WMC" at their mother-daughter banquet on Friday, April 29. First, there was the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, who had just concluded a four-day stewardship conference. Their music further enriched the program. The second blessing was the presence of many of the Pioneer Girls and their mothers. Their presence was an opportunity for the WMC'ers to enjoy fellowship with many of the mothers of the area. "For the Master's Use" was the theme of the program, which included a special message from Mrs. Janis Jenkins, wife of Rev. Lee Jenkins, Brethren chaplain serving in the area. (See page 16 of this issue.) There were 61 mothers and daughters in attendance.

Lois Henry, President

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Woodville WMC is trying something new this year on a roll call basis. We call it our "Spiritual Graphometer." Each lady at each meeting marks her own card, which applies to her own life, and then the card is put into an envelope with her name on it. The data on this card can be very easily compiled at the end of the year for our statistical report. No names appear on the card itself. Recorded on the card are such things as the following: daily Bible reading, family worship, prayer warrior, observing the 15th day of prayer, visitation, daily prayer for the pastor. These are check marked each month where applicable. We find it quite thrilling to have a reminder and also a chart so we can see our own spiritual growth and where we need to brush up. We count it a thrill and a blessing to be "one of His."

Mrs. Duane Reed, Secretary

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B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. Harold Ball August 15
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Dr. Floyd Taber August 16
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Susan Robbins August 19, 1954
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Kent August 21
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. J. P. Kliever August 21
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

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Rev. Clark Miller August 18
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Brazil—

Rev. Randall Maycumber August 1
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Rev. Bill Burk August 5
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Mrs. George Johnson August 10
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Terry Lee Julien August 27, 1959
Chateau de St. Albain, par Fleurville (S & L), France

Puerto Rico—

Ruth Elaine Brenneman August 16, 1955
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Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Gloria Elizabeth Mason August 13, 1951
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Rev. Jack B. Churchill August 20
2433 Eckleson Street, Lakewood, California 90712

Lynette Marie Cover August 21, 1958
241 E. 22nd Street, Tracy, California 95376

Miss Elizabeth Tyson August 25
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WMC District . . .

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decided until July, 1967. They are to be a car for Brazil, the Grace College library, literature for Africa, the missionary residence, the Elyria, Ohio, church, and the Mexico radio program.

After an intermission, during which the Southview ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Messner, provided a coffee break, we joined the main conference session.

The afternoon WMC service opened with a song service led by Mrs. Nancy Deloe and prayer by Mrs. Shirley Burke. Mrs. Janice Forbes and Mrs. Louise Esbenshade sang "He Loves, He Saves, He Keeps." Two important features were the election of officers and roll call. Each council turned in TV stamp books for the Grace College bus, climaxed by Wooster's handing in 39. The total of 136 books was joyfully acclaimed. Another thing for which we were grateful was the presence of the national president, Mary Hammers, who gave the offertory prayer. Mrs. Maxine Peters sang "Oh, What Love!"

Next our program chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Ripple, gave us a bit of advice: "If you want a life full of mystery, thrills, and suspense, run for program chairman—and get yourself elected." Mrs. Rose Foster, retired African missionary, who had expected to speak, had been unable to come. But at least two days before, Bea had provided herself with a fine substitute, the assistant general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, Clyde Landrum. Recalling the Easter story, he said that women are still commissioned with the greatest message ever to be given out. We should go quickly and tell it—and be enthusiastic!

Mrs. Gladys Lindower installed the new officers, using the theme of astronauts about to make a space voyage at the call of Christ. Each officer read a note concerning this uplift.

Ankenytown Senior Council received the attendance plaque.

The blessings of this conference were so great that they overflowed. The surrounding area enjoyed two days of badly needed showers Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lucile Smith

The Three . . .

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fashioned like Christ in our attributes. However, here Paul is reminding us of a glorious promise which will be fulfilled at Christ's coming—the resurrection of the body. It will not be the same corrupt, earthy body, but a spiritual body partaking of the nature of God's own heavenly glory.

John tells us, "When he shall appear, we shall be like him." What a glorious thought—one which is beyond comprehension now. No wonder that there will be no more tears, no more sickness, no more death, for our bodies will be perfect even as Christ's body is perfect.

John, however, gives us an exhortation following this tremendous promise. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself" (I John 3:2-3). We are not just patiently to sit and wait until the day when we shall be like Him, but we are to strive daily toward the goal which has been set before us—God's call to the life above in Christ Jesus. ▼

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Many district and local WMC groups and officers have been requesting supplies of stationery used by the national officers. It is now being stocked by The Brethren Missionary Herald. All items have the artistic WMC insignia, and are printed on quality paper. There is no need to send payment with your order—however, be sure to specify to whom the material is to be mailed and the person who is to receive the invoice.

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CHURCH NEWS

CANTON, OHIO. Rev. John Dilling resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, effective Aug. 10. Pastor Dilling has served this congregation since graduating from Grace Seminary in 1952.

The church's library fund for Grace College is still in action; at last report a total of $501 had come in toward the goal of $500. The local WMC's recently honored the Sisterhood girls with a party, presenting a gift of money to each group.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. April 17 was the day set aside for dedication of new pews and renovation of the sanctuary of the Grace Brethren Church. On the same day an open house was held at the parsonage recently purchased by the church (2305 Larkspur Dr.). Rev. Galen Lingenfelter was speaker for revival meetings held here April 18-24. K. E. Richardson, pastor.

LEESBURG, IND. A missionary conference was held at the Leesburg Brethren Church May 12-15, with a mission fair on the 13th. Speakers were Miss Marian Thurston, Miss Edith Geske, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fogle, and Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb, Jr., Lamp Post Manor Estates, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Ind. 46580. Please change *Annual*.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Three former pastors of Riverside Brethren Church took part in a homecoming celebration May 15: Ralph Hall, Bruce Baker, and John Terrell. Also participating was Gary Bonner, a former interim pastor. Former pastor Frank Brill was unable to be present but sent some words of greeting. There were over 520 in the services of the day, with one public decision for Christ. Don Rough, pastor.

GALION, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church entered their new facilities on Easter Sunday, with 101 in the morning service and 101 again at night. The dedication service for the new building was held Sunday afternoon, May 22. Seven adults were baptized May 1, and eight new members have been added to the church. Alva Conner, pastor.

BOONES MILL, VA. Pastor J. Donald Abshire was ordained to the Brethren ministry May 2, 1966, in a service conducted in the Grace Brethren Church here. Rev. Henry Radford, of the Garden City Brethren Church, Roanoke, brought the ordination message. Others assisting in the service were Pastors Carl Miller, Murle Updike, Wendell Kent, James Wingfield, and Charles Thornton. Rev. George Donahue, a retired Brethren minister 94 years of age, assisted in the laying on of hands. Rev. Abshire has pastored the Boones Mill work since its beginning; they have just completed a new building.

LISTIE, PA. Pastor Max DeArmey reports that the Listie Brethren Church recently had a profitable week of meetings with Evangelist Ron Thompson—good attendance and 13 decisions. Bob Flick was the song leader.

DAYTON, OHIO. Speakers and performers scheduled to be at the Patterson Park Brethren Church in the next few months include Mel Johnson, the Palermo Brothers, missionary Don Hocking, and Dr. Bob Jones III. The International Teen Team of Youth for Christ were there May 29. Nathan Casement, pastor.



WASHINGTON, D.C. The First Brethren Church here has purchased a four-and-one-half-acre tract of land in Lanham, Md., about 12 miles from its present location. Work will continue in the 12th and E location for the present, however. Plans for the immediate future include a Bible class and prayer meetings in the residence now on the new property. Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Ogden have moved to the Lanham property; their new address is 9118 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, Md. 20801 (Tel. 301-552-2340).

BUENA VISTA, VA. The First Brethren Church has begun a youth organization called the Spiritual Rescue Squad, a group whose purpose is to render spiritual aid to those in need. On Saturday night, April 30, 172 people attended a showing of the film, "The Tony Fontane Story." There were 13 first-time decisions and six rededications the first three Sundays in May. Charles Thornton, pastor.

COVINGTON, OHIO. Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Miller report that the Lord is blessing the work of the First Brethren Church, and that one



LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Los Altos Brethren Church held a farewell reception for missionary candidates Eddie and Carolyn Johnson Sunday evening, April 24. The congregation presented them with a money tree. Pictured above are Eddie and Carolyn (center front) with Pastor and Mrs. Harold Penrose and a few church members. Some thirty people from the Seal Beach, North Long Beach, and Los Altos Brethren churches were at the International Airport the following day to see them off.

person has come to Christ. Their address is 520 S. Pearl St., Covington.

TROUT LAKE, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church extended a unanimous call to Don Taylor, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, to assume pastoral duties on June 5. Brother Taylor's address and telephone number are Box 37, Trout Lake, Mich. (Tel. 906- Trout Lake 602). Rev. Earl Funderburg, who has served this church twice as pastor for a total of nine years, resigned effective June 1 to assume full-time directorship of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Upper Michigan. His new address is: Child Evangelism Fellowship of Upper Michigan, 323 2nd Ave., Norway, Mich. 49870.

GALION, OHIO. The dedication and open house of the new building of the Grace Brethren Church was held Sunday afternoon, May 22. The dedicatory address was presented by Rev. Dave Hocking, of Columbus, Ohio. Alva Conner, pastor.



HOLLINS, VA. Mr. Jimmy Michael, a member of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church for well over 30 years, on Palm Sunday was presented with an 18-year pin for perfect Sunday-school attendance. He is pictured above accepting the pin from Sunday-school superintendent Moda Coffey. Mr. Michael has taught a Sunday-school class for 40 years and has been church moderator for 20 years. At present he is a member of the Board of Grace College and Seminary, a trustee of the Southeast District Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and vice-president of the Board of Directors of the City Rescue Mission in Roanoke, Va. He is owner and operator of the leading local bakery, where he works 84 hours a week. Mr. Michael has never missed a church service except for severe illness. William Byers, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. A mortgage burning and the use of new hymnals in a completely redecorated auditorium highlighted the anniversary service of the Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, May 22. Guest speakers were Rev. Joseph Gingrich, Seville, Ohio; Rev. Gordon Bracker, Elkhart, Ind.; and Rev. Thomas Hammers, Winona Lake, Ind.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bates, of the church, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 21. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.



HARRISBURG, PA. Pictured above is the proposed building of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. Earle Peer, pastor..

FORT WAYNE, IND. A teacher training course taught by Pastor Paul Fink was begun on May 8 at the Grace Brethren Church. Everyone involved in the education program of the church is expected to attend, but the class is also open to any other interested individuals. A special evening service on Mother's Day consisted of a concert of sacred music presented by Mrs. Homer Kent, Jr., and message by her husband; Dr. Kent.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Kenneth Cosgrove, a 1966 graduate of Grace Seminary, has accepted the call to become assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church; he will assume his duties July 10. John Aeby, pastor.

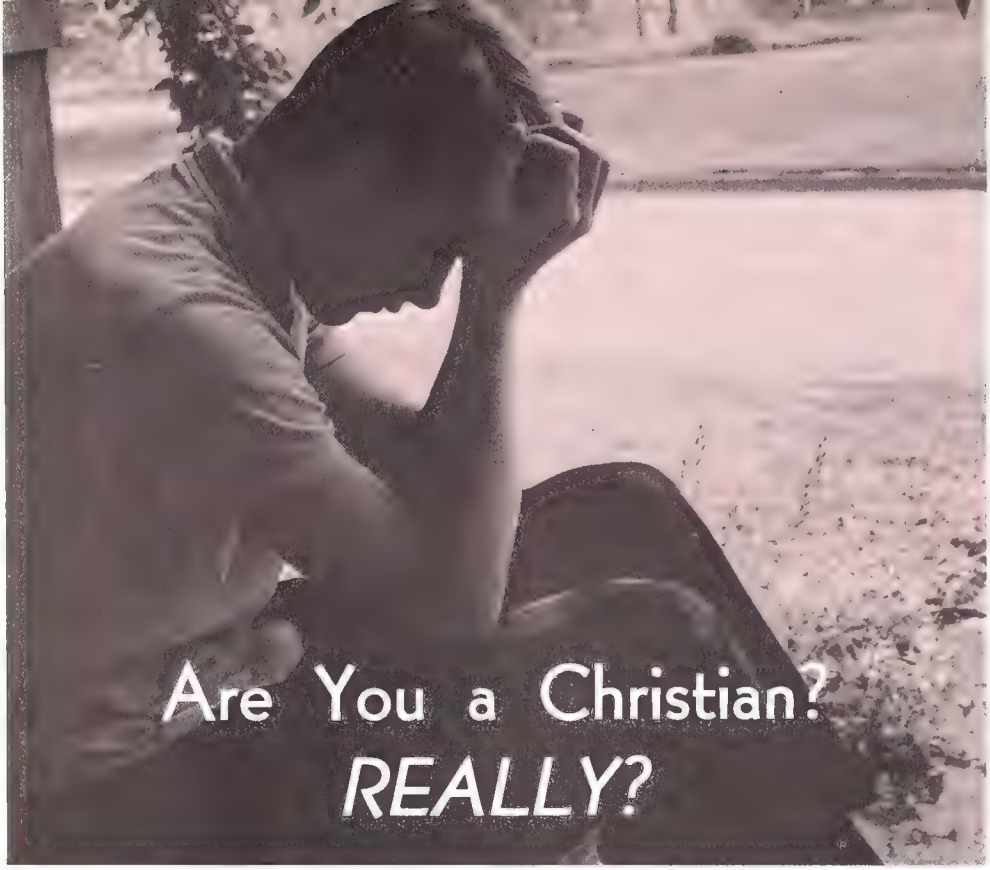
ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. On April 17 the Grace Brethren Sunday School broke their attendance record for the fifth time this year, with 91 present. A number of public decisions have been made in the past two or three months. Robert Salazar, pastor.

LEXINGTON, OHIO. The Brethren home-mission church here has its first full-time pastor; Terrance Taylor assumed pastoral responsibilities soon after graduating from Grace Seminary the first of June.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. A covered dish dinner was held recently as a farewell gesture for Rev. and Mrs. Warren Mize. Brother Mize, who was associate pastor of the church, did a fine job of holding things together in both the church and the day school during the months that the church was without a regular pastor. A cash gift was presented to the Mizes. On Sunday evening, May 22, the pastor baptized 15 people and received them into church membership. These, who included four heads of families, are part of a class for new and prospective members, which has met with great enthusiasm. James S. McClellan, pastor.

SOUTHERN CALIF.-ARIZ. DISTRICT. Pictured below are the Long Beach Blues, the second place winners in the second annual Southern Calif.-Ariz. District basketball tournament, held this past March. The winning team, from the North Long Beach Brethren Church, were pictured in the May 28 *Missionary Herald*. Harold Penrose, district youth board secretary.





By Rev. Richard Sellers

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Friend,

Are you a Christian? Before you answer this question, make sure that you know God's definition of a Christian.

We can say that we are Christians, but this does not make it so. God is the judge. He is the one who will one day separate the Christian from the non-Christian. He is the one who will one day pronounce us to be "saved" or "lost." He is the one who will destine us to an eternal existence in heaven or hell.

This being true we can accept only God's definition of a Christian. God has laid down a basic requirement which must be met. If you have met this requirement, then you can say that you are a Christian. If you have never met this requirement, then you are not a Christian no matter what you might think about it or what some religious organization might tell you.

God has given us a book which we call the Bible. In this book God clearly and plainly tells us how we can know that we are Christians.

Faith or Belief in Jesus Christ Is God's Only Way of Saving a Man.

"For by grace are ye saved through *faith;* and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

"*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Belief in Christ Assures Man of Eternal Life. The Result of Unbelief Is Condemnation.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever *believeth* in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"He that *believeth* on him is not condemned; but he that *believeth* not is condemned already, because he hath not *believed* in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Probably scores of people who claim to have believed in Christ have not actually believed in Him at all. When the Bible uses the word "believe," it is not speaking merely of a mind belief.

The words "believe" and "faith" are both translated from a Greek word which means to trust, to commit, or to confide. This is what God is telling us to do when He tells us to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. If you have committed (or trusted) your life and soul into the keeping and care of Jesus Christ, you are saved. If you have placed your soul confidently in His eternal arms, you are a Christian. But if you have never done this, then you are not saved, neither can you call yourself a Christian.

You may believe mentally about Jesus. You may believe the historical facts of His life, but this does not make you a Christian. Secular history as well as the Bible attests to the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, but the mere believing of these facts does not make you a Christian.

Let me illustrate to you what I mean. Supposing your doctor said to you, "You are seriously in need of surgery; unless I operate tonight you will not be alive when morning comes."

Suppose then you agree to go into surgery as he recommends. And while you are yet in your room, just before being wheeled into surgery, I approach you and ask, "Do you believe in your doctor?"

If you were to answer, "Yes," I would know what you meant. You would not be saying to me that you mentally believed he was a real man, a real doctor. You would not be saying to me that you mentally believed he was a man with an M.D. degree. Rather you would be saying to me, "Yes, I trust my doctor. Yes, I am willing to commit myself into his hands for this operation. Yes, I have confidence that my life is safe in his hands."

Yet when many people answer "yes" after being asked the question, "Do you believe in Jesus Christ?" what they really mean is that they believe there was a man named Jesus who walked upon the earth several centuries ago and that He was hung upon a cross to die and that He was placed in a tomb and then rose again.

Dear friend, the believing of these historical facts alone will not save you or make you a Christian. Rather in essence you must say personally to Jesus Christ, "Lord, I am lost and I cannot save myself. I cannot get

myself to heaven, but here, Lord, is my life. Here is my soul, Lord, I rest it in Thee."

This is what the Bible is talking about when it speaks of belief or faith. As one dear man of God has put it, "Faith is the hand of the heart that reaches out and takes hold of Jesus and brings Him into the open door of the heart."

Faith, of course, is intangible to man. Man cannot see faith. He can see the results or the fruits of faith, but he cannot see faith itself. God, however, can see faith. Faith is tangible to God. And when God sees faith or belief exercised, it is at this moment that He saves us and receives us as His very own.

"But as many as received him [Christ], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Right now, dear friend, won't you believe in Jesus? Won't you place your faith in Him? Won't you place your soul in the safe keeping of His everlasting arms? If you will only do this right now, then you can confidently say with the apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12).

If you will but come to Jesus, He will accept you. He will not turn one away. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). ▼



"May I suggest, sir, it's not a larger print Bible you need . . . it's glasses!"

A Father's Prayer

A stairway can seem long, and steep,
And tricky, to a lad of three;
So, "Hold my hand," he wails, and turns
His cherub face imploringly to me.

And as we, hand in hand, with now and then
An extra lift from dad,
Ascend the steps, his fear is gone,
And confidence springs up within the lad.

We gain the top, and off he goes to play
With train, or truck, or cart;
But still the warmth of chubby fingers glows
In father's hand, and warmer in his heart.

I catch a glimpse of all the years ahead,
When fear, or caution, or blind trust,
Will place his hand again in mine,
And I will guide him, as a father must.

How careful, then, my every move must be;
For where I lead, he skips along beside.
And, as he watches all the choices that I make,
The character I build becomes his guide.

How awesome this responsibility. I feel
In my own heart the weight of fear;
And to my Heavenly Father now I turn;
"Hold my hand, Lord; be Thou near.

"Oh, help me, God, through Spirit-filled example,
To lead this boy in paths of faith and truth
And prayer and consecrated service.
Oh, help me mold him for Thee in his youth.

"'Tis precious now to see his eyes
Turned up to mine, and hold his hand.
But, when he has reached full stature,
And face to face, eye to eye, we stand,

"O Lord, may I then know that though
For help, he lifts his hand to Thee;
Because You helped me guide him right,
His soul will still look up to me."

By C. J. Henderson

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

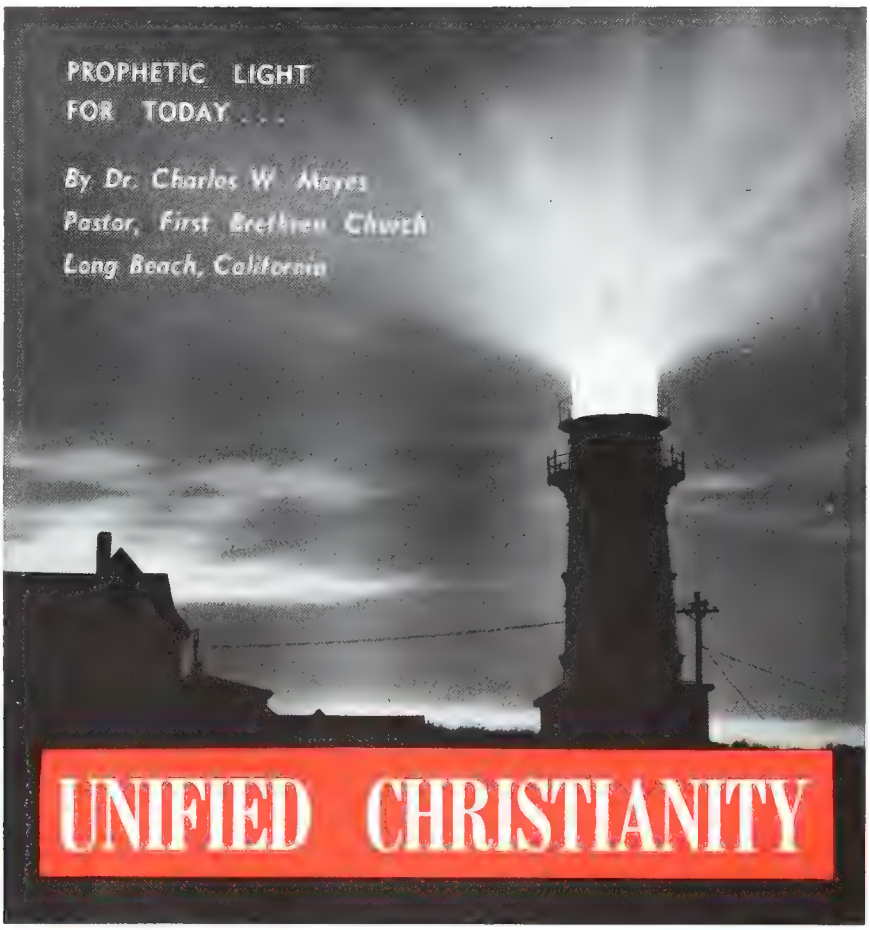
SIEFER, William, 80, died May 9 of a heart attack. He had been a member of the Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio, since 1927.
William Howard, pastor.

DAVIS, Drew, of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., died May 11. He had been a member of The Brethren Church for over thirty years.
George Peek, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Judy Engle and David Calvin, May 14, Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake is well known as a leader both in the United Presbyterian Church and in the ecumenical movement.

It is reported by the Buffalo, New York, *Courier Express* that Dr. Blake holds the move to unite the Protestant denominations is "one step in a long-range reunion of all Christendom, including the Roman Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox Churches."

The Goal

The goal of the ecumenical movement is, of course, eventually to have a one-world church. This is sometimes called "unified Christianity." But it is admitted that there are many barriers to this unified Christianity. As long as groups disagree on some matters which pertain to faith and action, there will be divisions. Dr. Blake has a solution for this problem. He has suggested that we rid ourselves of the view known as *sola scriptura*: that is, Scripture alone as authority. Once the authority of God's Word loses its hold on the common people and once they weaken to follow the view that there are other "authorities" besides the Bible, men can easily unite. But their uniting is not then on what they believe, but on what they do not believe. When one group believes the virgin birth of Christ as a Bible doctrine and another group denies the virgin birth, there is difference of opinion and no common ground. However, when the Bible is no longer accepted as "the final rule of faith and practice," these groups may come together. Having lost the authority of the Word of God, they do not have enough convictions to disagree. Dr. Blake is right in stating that the old view of *sola scriptura* is a barrier to the ecumenical movement.

The Roman View

For centuries the Roman Catholic Church has denied *sola scriptura*. Instead, Rome has held that there are two sources of authority, the Bible *and tradition*. If the Protestant wing of the over-all ecumenical movement and the Roman wing of the same movement can together reject the final authority of the Bible and approve tradition, or human wisdom, their differences will be progressively minimized.

"God Is Dead"

The "God is dead" philosophy helps to tear down among the liberals what little restraining influences they had in the past. What the liberals mean by the "God is dead" view is that the God presented in the Scriptures is no longer in existence. Having theorized that the Bible was only man's imagination, fairy tales, and folklore, they find it easy to depreciate the Bible. With the Bible out of the way, the old God-concepts are gone, and God is said to be dead.

The liberals who come to this ridiculous conclusion are special atheists. Dr. William Hamilton, of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, is reported to have stated: "We are atheists, but Christian atheists." Such liberals are reconstructing their ideas about God to fit human wisdom. To consider one doctrine as an example, they would say that the supposed God of the Bible who demands the virgin birth of Christ is now rejected, and the real God will not require the so-called historical event of the virgin birth. Supposedly being scientific, they consider the supernatural to be passe.

With many groups ready to reject *sola scriptura*, ready to go along with the ecumenical "God is Dead" theory, the liberal leaders feel they are on the way toward a one-world church.

Although we believe most Brethren have personal convictions, there are many grass roots members who do not. Ecumenism is finding a mass of people like the man who was asked, "What do you believe?"

"I believe what my church believes."

"What does your church believe?"

"It believes what I believe."

"What do you both believe?"

"We both believe the same thing."

This is fertile soil for the liberal ecumenical movement. ▼

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Editorials

By Lester E. Pifer

Alcoholism continues its increasing spiral overtaking thousands of victims each year. Approximately five million Americans now are chronic alcoholics. About 3 per cent, or 150,000, are "skid row" type repeatedly jailed for public intoxication, according to an estimate of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Other authorities feel that 10 per cent, or 500,000, have reached the "derelicts" or "wrecks" stage. Reports indicate that two million of the six million arrests in the United States in 1964 were for public drunkenness, and chronic alcoholics continue to dominate the total categories. The number of people in the United States directly affected by chronic alcoholism has been estimated at twenty-five million, counting the addicts and their immediate families. This is one-eighth of the population of the U.S.

The ramifications of this problem are frightening. The National Council on Alcoholism estimates that business and industry lose about $2,000,000,000 a year and wage earners approximately $430,000,000 a year. The pressure and enticement of advertising being promoted by the alcoholic industry is reaching every phase of society. A high pressure educational program to "fix" in the minds of the American people that "alcohol belongs" and "social drinking is proper" is bound to engross thousands each year. Fifty thousand people died on America's highways last year. How many of these fatal accidents are directly attributed to drinking drivers? One cannot drive down the highway any more without realizing that the car approaching from the front or the rear may be in the hands of a drunk.

The greatest increases in adherents are being found among women and young people. Women, more delicate than the opposite sex, seem to be more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol. Women with much time on their hands become easy prey to alcohol at clubs, cocktail parties and recreational centers. The increase in marital strife leading to broken homes is another factor in this realm.



COVER PHOTOS

The combination pictures on the cover are the interior and exterior of the new Grace Brethren Church, Galion, Ohio, dedicated May 22, 1966.

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Youth, with its insatiable desire for "kicks," a "thrill," and an urge "to go all the way" is another target for this evil. The increase of the flow of money in young people's hands, the use of the automobile and popularization of the "wild party" and "blast" have contributed to the increasing problem. The F.B.I. indicates in its reports that there is a direct correlation between the use of alcohol and the rising trends of juvenile crime.

Alcoholism by unique maneuvering is gradually being removed from the criminal bracket. It is amazing in a well-educated country that in spite of laws a person can drink alcohol until he loses complete control of his faculties. He can take a high powered car and drive like a maniac slaughtering his own kin and others in a highway accident and be suspended simply because he was not responsible, but "sick." Since the skills of legal counsel have so successfully treated alcoholic cases in the courts, great pressure has been placed in the psychological realm and in the church to treat this problem as a sickness and not sin. The weakness of the spiritual lives of many in the church, coupled with the increased domination of unregenerates on church rolls, have caused many churches and churchmen to fall for this line. These facts certainly point to the need of the gospel in America.

The Bible is our source book on what is sin. There are many warnings in the Bible against strong drink.

The Levitic priesthood was forbidden to drink wine or strong drink before handling the work at the Tabernacle altar (Lev. 10:9). The Nazarite, a member of a rigid separatist order, was never to drink wine or strong drink or liquor of grapes (Num. 6:3). Samson's mother was forbidden to drink while carrying her child, and Samson was not to be allowed to drink strong drink (Judges 13:4-7, 14). The wise man of Proverbs says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). Isaiah and Peter record in Holy Writ the instruction from the Holy Spirit to beware of the dangers of alcoholic beverages.

One must stand amazed that well meaning people, churches, clergymen and priests ignore the strong admonition of God on the dangers, effects and results of alcohol. The child of God is to be separated from this world unto the Lord (as was the Nazarite). He is to be a priest to carry his own sin burdens to God's offering place for sin (as was the Levitical priest). Strong drink was forbidden near the house of God. How can such be brought within the walls of the sanctuary and indulged in by clergy and laity?

It is high time for ministers, Bible teachers and leaders, Sunday-school teachers, and the church, its auxiliaries and its people, to stand in condemnation of the increase in alcoholism and the tendency to overlook this gross sin. They must point men, women and our youth to the Lamb of God who can take away this sin from their hearts. ▼

An End and a Beginning at Galion, Ohio

By Pastor Alva Conner

Dedication Sunday, May 22, brought both an end and a beginning at Grace Brethren Church in Galion, Ohio.

Our day of God's blessings symbolized the end of building plans and actual construction that had been in process for many months. The Lord has been faithful through it all.

Our finished product is even more attractive and practical than most of our own had dared to imagine, and all built at a most nominal cost.

The 5,000 square feet are well used to provide sanctuary area seating for 225. The downstairs fellowship hall and Sunday-school area can house five separate Sunday-school departments and a total of 14 possible Sunday-school rooms. The baptistry is located on the right front side of the sanctuary area and has an attractive painting of the Jordan river in the background. The church building is located in Galion's expanding west side on the edge of a proposed new 160-acre housing development.

Donation of time, materials and equipment came from various interested businesses and industries as well as from our own people. Multiplied hundreds of hours of time were donated by our own church members in assisting the Brethren Construction Crew in the erection of our new facilities. But now the building of material facilities has come to an end.

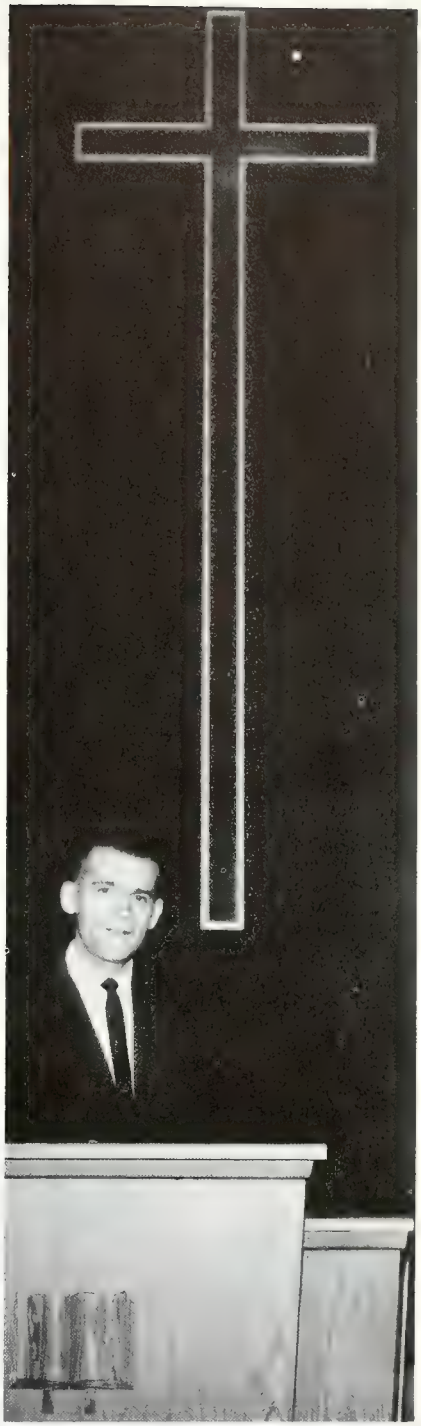
Something far greater has begun. God's people have begun anew to realize that great spiritual goals can be realized. Approximately two weeks before dedication we baptized seven adults, and with eight new adult members we brought four new families into our church membership.

Our people at Galion had seen God meet our needs in some unusual ways in months gone by, but now as we looked forward to our dedication day we faced a new difficulty. To complete our total project, we had spent some $1,400 more than the maximum we could borrow through our home missions commitments. So to continue a good testimony with our creditors our church body voted just two weeks before dedication to borrow $1,000 on a short term loan through local financing facilities. But the same night that the loan was authorized, our people also decided that our dedication day offering goal for debt reduction would need to be that same $1,000. And so we prayed. On May 22 after our dedication day morning service our special offering totaled over $500. As the day's services were concluded, our dedication day special offering was $1,004. This was the beginning of a realization that what the Lord had begun in hearts a few years back in Galion He would continue to perform.

What a blessed afternoon dedication service! What an impressive hour and 15 minutes to see our sanctuary, designed to seat 225 persons, overflowed with 261 present. This was an all-time attendance record for any service in Galion. Visitors from our immediate neighborhood, the city of Galion, and surrounding areas were abundant. Mayor Wilhelm of Galion and the president of the city council in nearby Crestline were present for the service. Visitors from many northern Ohio Brethren churches were present. In a challenging message by Rev. Dave Hocking, of Ohio's fastest-growing Brethren church at Columbus and the moderator of Northern Ohio District of Brethren Churches, we were faced with the challenge in Ephesians of being "Built Together for Christ."

The excellent work of the Brethren Construction Company with Don Sellers and Bob Baer was acknowledged as they presented the keys of the new building to our trustees, Herman Fischer, Kenneth Gulick and John Morgan. Our church architect, Ralph Hall, from the Brethren Architectural Service, was present for the dedication service.

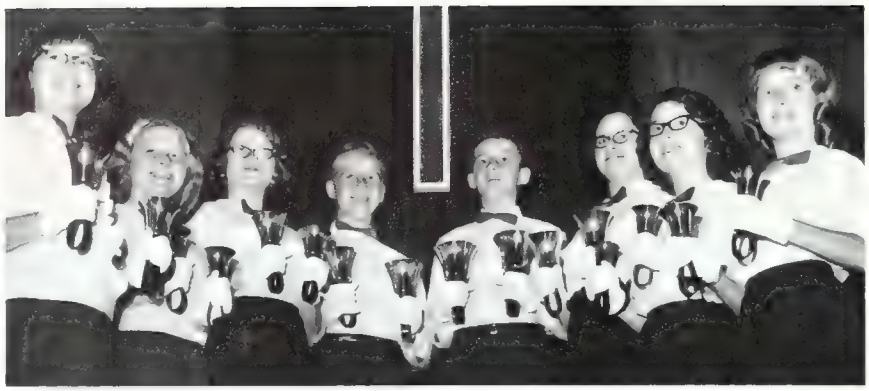
Another new feature for our dedication day was the first Sunday musical presentation by our new Grace Brethren Carillon Bell Choir.



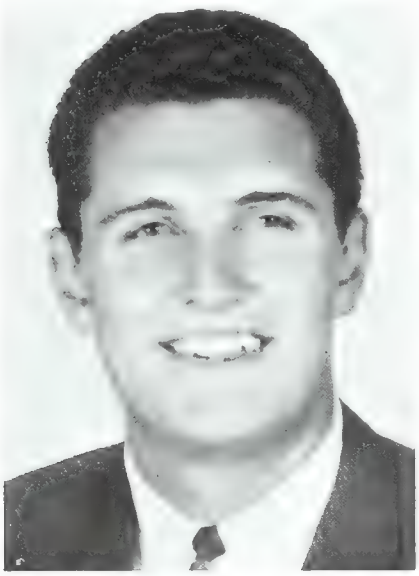
Through the special interest and efforts of one of our members and the director of our new choir, Mrs. Ted Kirtland, we have the first bell choir for the Galion area and perhaps the first carillon bell choir in Brethren churches in recent times.

And so the new Grace Brethren Church of Galion faces the new challenges of God's known future in new building facilities. We desire a united host of God's people committed to

Him in marvelous unity, to be spiritually strong ourselves and then to reach out from Galion into north central Ohio and bring the unreached to our blessed Saviour. We dare to accept the promise of our Lord through His servant in Jeremiah 29: 11, "I know the plans I am planning for you, plans of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Rotterdam Trans.). ▼



Handbell choir.



David Hocking, dedication speaker.



Above, standing left to right: Trustees John Morgan, Kenneth Gulick, Herman Fisher, Brethren Construction Company superintendent Don Sellers, and Robert Baer.

Below. Dedication service.



ISRAEL CALLS!

AN EVALUATION

By Leanore M. Button

Sometimes we, as missionaries, wonder just how much we have been able to do in serving Christ. We look at those who have come to know Him under our ministry and we wonder: Do they really mean business for the Lord? Have they really taken a stand for Him, or are they hedging? Do their lives show any change?

Recently, driving home in the car with some Jewish people who attend our meetings for the blind, we were discussing the message of the evening. Mr. Button had quoted the first part of Isaiah 53:6; he left off the last phrase, "And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all," because it was not important at that point in the message.

As we drove along after the meeting, however, Mrs. R— said, "Rev. Button, you forgot to quote all that verse from Isaiah. You left off the last part." And she repeated the phrase. My husband explained to her why he had not quoted the entire verse and she was satisfied. She went on to tell us some of the other verses of Scripture she had learned. We were simply thrilled! Here we had been wondering how real her salvation was, and she had been learning Scripture in spite of the fact she was blind!

A woman has been attending the regular Wednesday night meetings for the past year. She is not an elderly woman, but she has had much trouble and sorrow this past year. In December she buried her husband, who died of cancer. We attended the funeral and found it without hope. We helped her as much as possible and she was appreciative. She seemed to find peace at the meetings and came regularly. Then, as the messages began to hit home and as her financial condition changed for the better, she began to draw away, telling Miss Fraser the people who attended the meetings were "misfits" and she didn't feel she belonged there.

I was interested in finding out what a "misfit" was; the dictionary says it is something that fits badly—a person poorly adjusted to his environment. So perhaps she is right. People who do not know the Lord are really misfits, because, through sin, they are not well adjusted to this world. If this is so, then she, too, is a misfit. Pray for this woman that she will realize the wonderful grace of God and the true meaning of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is because God's Word is convicting her that she feels the way she does.

Then there is the case of an elderly woman who was contacted by a Christian who attends our meetings —a Hebrew Christian. She and Isobel Fraser managed to get Mrs. W— to come to the meetings. She was happy to come and seemed to be tender toward the messages. In the meantime, the lady who contacted her contacted another lady who promised to come to the meeting. She was told to be at Mrs. W—'s home for pick-up on the night of the meeting. It so happened she knew Mrs. W— well, and when this new woman found out what the meetings were like, she told all Mrs. W—'s friends and they began to persecute her. She refused to return because of their persecution. Pray for this woman who thinks more highly of her acquaintances than she does of God's Word.

Many times we have visitors who back away as soon as they find out they are sinners. Can you blame them? Did *you* like to hear it in the beginning?

For most of our people, saved and unsaved, the ties of traditional Judaism are difficult to break. The holy days, the burning of the candles on Friday night, the celebration of the Passover, the doing of "mitzvahs"—these things are habits not easily broken. Concerning God's Word they know very little. The blind find it difficult to search the Scriptures because of their blindness, and the sighted find it difficult because they have never done it before. They need much prayer. But didn't you? And don't you now?

It is almost time for the annual picnic. Everyone wants to come to the picnic. It is a time of fun, and who doesn't like fun? There is the usual grumbling about those who haven't attended regularly and who express a desire to go to the picnic; there are the usual cries of "don't fix it this way because I am on a diet"; there are the usual admonishings of "pick me up early." There will be plenty of good food and games for everyone. When the picnic is over, how many of our people will be able to say they truly know the God of heaven? Only He knows the answer! ▼



Blind class of Brethren Messianic Testimony.



Airdome at Bothell, Washington.

Dedicate Temporary Meeting Place at Bothell

The Grace Brethren Church at Bothell, Washington, dedicated their new air dome on May 2. Sixty-five people attended the dedication service. Dr. L. L. Grubb was the speaker, challenging the congregation to greater heights of service for Christ. Rev. Richard Messner, head of the Grace College Development Department, brought special music for the occasion. Nearly all the ministers of the Northwest District were present.

The church has purchased three and one-half acres of property in a a new area that is expected to see heavy development in the next few years. The total indebtedness for the property, $9,000, has now been reduced to $4,700. Improvements to the property in clearing, installation of cement work, grading, and construction of rest rooms and furnishings approximate $6,000. The church will pay a rental on the use of the air dome while it is being used on their property. The Brethren Home Missions Council, owner of the air dome, expects to use it for the beginning of new churches in areas where it is practical and where temporary rental facilities are not available.

The air dome is made of a heavy gauge nylon plastic. It is mounted on a concrete slab and will be used until the new building on the property is ready for occupancy. It is attractive, light, and expansive beyond expectation. The fluorescent lights are placed in channels around the floor perimeter of the building, the lighting following the curvature of the dome. It illuminates like day. The dome's translucence brings in the day light and makes it an attractive advertising piece at night. The acoustics are good.

The air dome is an inflated building, held up by a pressure of approximately four to seven pounds. A metal framework inside insures against any danger of collapse while people are in attendance. The fan unit is powered with electricity, with a standby gasoline engine that automatically starts should the electric power fail. Heat can be fed into the fan unit to maintain desired temperature. A double door at the entrance forms the air lock to hold the pressure during exit or entrance. The metal framework inside provides the necessary track and assembly for the curtain dividers for classroom areas. The air dome will seat approximately 150 people and care for the same number in Sunday school. It is ex-



Dr. L. L. Grubb, dedication speaker.

pected that the property will be paid off and the new building erected before the congregation outgrows the dome.

This congregation is to be congratulated on their venture in a new method of church extension. The men, women and children worked long hours in the preparation. Under the fine leadership of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Green, all of the members of the church assisted in clearing the property. The men worked long hours in the construction of the rest rooms, the entrance, the platform and the foundation of the dome. The women were assisted by five teen-age girls in sewing all the drapes for the Sunday-school dividers. The BYF bought shrubbery and also some items to furnish the rest rooms. The church prayed about acquiring some carpeting for an aisle runner and for the platform, and a furniture store dealer in the area gave the carpeting to the church along with enough tile for the rest rooms.

In preparation for the dedication services, the junior department of the Sunday-school passed out handbills in the communities of Bothell and Lynnwood. Two of the boys were supposed to be at baseball practice but chose rather to serve the Lord in distributing the handbills.

Pastor Green is praising the Lord for a fine, sustained attendance running in the high 60's. They have recorded three more decisions for Christ, and several young families are to come into the work momentarily.

Much commendation is due this active congregation for their hard work and dedication of labor for our precious Lord. Special words of appreciation must go to the Northwest District Mission Board and its supporting churches for their contribution in property and pastor's salary for this new field. Great victories lie ahead for this congregation. God's blessings, we believe, are certain as they claim their community for Christ. ▼



Top down: Rev. Richard Messner, of the Grace College Development Department, leading the singing; presentation of the keys by Pastor Clarence Green to Mitchell Kaeppel and Ron Stewart, trustees; and Clarence Green, pastor of the Bothell Grace Brethren Church.



Left to right: Rev. Robert Collitt, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland; Mrs. Marvin Lowery; Mr. Marvin Lowery; and Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary, BHMC

Marvin Lowery Day at Hagerstown Grace Church

May 1 was a grand day of climactic blessing at the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Attention had been focused on a needed transportation vehicle for their own missionary in the mountains of Kentucky. For some weeks announcements were made, carefully written letters were sent describing the need, and daily mention was made on the radio program, "The Family Altar." Marvin Lowery, one of their own boys, now their missionary, had a need and the church had geared itself to meet that need.

Marvin Lowery Day had now arrived. The Lowery's had come all the way from Dryhill, Kentucky, by bus to tell of the field in which they served. A new station wagon had been ordered by faith. When Easter Sunday's offerings were totaled it was evident that God was meeting the need through His people. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was present to speak at all services.

Five hundred thirty-five people assembled for the Sunday-school hour. Excitement could be felt in every nook and cranny of the church. The morning worship service was a thrill as God blessed the Word and the missionary project. At the invitation a young man of 19 came to make an important decision. At the conclusion of the service the entire congregation gathered out in the street, now blocked off by the police. In the midst of the huge crowd stood a new Fury II, bright red Plymouth station wagon. Marvin and Dixie Lowery stood by Pastor Robert Collitt, shedding tears of gratefulness, amazement and excitement. The keys were officially presented and proper acceptance was made. Rev. Pifer commented that the red wagon, symbolic of the blood, would carry unsaved people to the little chapel in Kentucky. Some would be returned to their homes new creations in Christ Jesus. Here was another way for the Grace church to share in getting the gospel out to needy hearts.

In the evening service slides of home-mission fields were presented by Rev. Pifer and Rev. Lowery. The Holy Spirit moved the congregation in an outstanding way as 18 made varying decisions for our Lord. A check for $3,700 was presented to Rev. Pifer as payment for the mission wagon and for six months' of missionary Marvin Lowery's support. This glorious day of victory was another step of spiritual growth and blessing as Grace church experienced again God's vivid evidence that He is a prayer-answering God. ▼



Hagerstown congregation assembled in the street for dedication of the vehicle.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

BARBERTON, OHIO (Irvin Miller, pastor). We are praising the Lord for His continued blessings upon us. Every week He sends new prospects. Last evening my wife and I visited in the homes of three young couples who live within sight of the church and are definite prospects.

TELFORD, PA. (Donald Goodhart, pastor). We greatly rejoice in two first-time decisions May 8 and another on the following Sunday. Nine new members were added on May 15 and the first monthly building fund offering was taken May 29 for the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). Public decisions now total seven first time and one re-affirmation. We have had just four full Sunday schedules of services with 44 in the first Sunday service. Last Sunday, May 8, with a gospel team from Winona Lake, we had 52 for church. The Sunday morning services are held in the Holiday Inn.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Melvin Hobson, pastor). Thus far in May (May 23) we have seen five youngsters come forward to publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Two of these are from homes of unsaved parents, and so God has opened the door for us. We have also had three rededications during this period. Our prayer goal has been one family per month in 1966.

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell S. Landrum, pastor). Yesterday, May 15, we had 94 in Sunday school. During the morning service a young father and a high-school girl made decisions to accept Christ. The previous Sunday a young man dedicated his life to the Lord. Another young man is thinking about going to Bible school in September. These are things for which to praise the Lord.

MINERVA, OHIO (Roy Glass, pastor). We were thrilled with the attendance last Sunday. New records were set, with 49 in Sunday school and 56 in the morning service. Our biggest concern right now is for a place to move the family in Minerva. Pray for this need.

LOOK FOR A LETTER!

Brethren Minute-Men should all be looking for a letter. It is being processed for mailing to you. In it you will be given information about a new pastor going to a new field and creating a new need for your timely assistance. Look for the envelope that says, "Another Minute-Man Opportunity." Read the contents carefully. Take the matter to the Lord in prayer. Return the enclosed envelope with the Lord's answer.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. (Warren Tamkin, pastor). Things are moving along quite nicely here now. We had 88 yesterday (May 8) in the morning and 58 in the evening. Yesterday was the last day in the music building, and the men are working hard preparing our new temporary meeting place.

WINONA LAKE, IND. (Special). Miss June Brown, assistant office secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council, became Mrs. Merlin Berkey on June 4 and the two are now serving the Lord at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Hammers has accepted the position vacated by June (Brown) Berkey.

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CHURCH NEWS

VIRGIN ISLANDS. Miss Evelyn Fuqua, formerly of our mission work at Dryhill, Ky., writes that she has been in the Virgin Islands since April, where she works in an office and helps in the local churches. "We have some kind of a meeting almost every night—so it really keeps me going after working all day long. . . . Pray for me. The people are so receptive to the Word of God!" "Miss Evelyn's" address is Box 2087, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. Robert Salazar, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, writes: "We were victims this past Sunday evening, May 22, of a theft in our church. The thieves gained entrance through a window at the rear of the sanctuary and stole our public address system. The items stolen amounted to $336.80. We were told by the police that robberies of this type are quite common in this area. There has been an increased amount of thefts of microphones and amplifiers in recent months." The items stolen were not covered by insurance.

Albuquerque also has some good news: On May 22 their Sunday school did it again—broke their attendance record for the eighth time this year, with a total attendance of 115.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Three infants were dedicated to the Lord, and there was one decision for salvation and one for rededication in the May 29 Sunday morning service of the First Brethren Church. In the evening service ten people were baptized and received into church membership. Charles Thornton, pastor.

NOTICE: Any group or organization planning banquets, luncheons, or breakfasts during national conference are requested to send pertinent information concerning time and place of these activities into the Herald office immediately. Announcements of banquets will be published in the July 23 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

TROY, OHIO. May 15 was "Nancy Nesbitt Day" at the Grace Brethren Church; a tape was made for her of the Sunday school and morning worship services, which included greetings from members of the staff of Grace College and Seminary. Mrs. Nesbitt, formerly Nancy McBride, attended Grace College, and her husband, Jim, graduated from Grace Seminary and taught in the college. They are now serving in France under the Unevangelized Fields Mission.

In evangelistic meetings held for a week in May, there were eight first-time decisions and 46 other decisions of varying natures. Rev. Edward Lewis was the speaker. John Neely is pastor.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. The Good News Brethren Church has been received into the Northern Ohio District. Evangelist Ron Thompson recently held a week of meetings at the church. During the month of May, 31 people were added to the membership. Marion Thomas, pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. High honors were won by high-school graduate Preston Lyon, of First Brethren Church. In addition to being among the top 12 graduates of Sunnyside High School, he was granted an NROTC scholarship which will pay all his expenses through four years of college and give him a candidateship for an officer in the Navy. He also received the band award, a science award, and a math award. Linda Bauerle, also of the church, was honored with a freshman scholarship to Grace College and received the Lions Club debate award as the most inspirational girl speaker. John Mayes, pastor.

BRETHREN, ARE YOU LIVING IN. . . .?

The Brethren Home Missions Council is looking for all the Brethren living in or near the following cities: Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, California, and Richmond, Virginia. New Bible classes are being started with the prayer that new Brethren churches will develop in these cities. For further information write the Brethren Home Missions Council, P. O. Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. Chaplain (Major) Burton Hatch has received orders calling for duty in Viet Nam. He is to arrive there about Aug. 26. For the past three years he has been operations officer at the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, and for the last few months he has served at the school as acting director of resident instruction.

WASHINGTON, PA. Rev. Richard Grant, of Winona Lake, Ind., was guest evangelist for revival meetings at the Grace Brethren Church May 15-22. There were eight first-time decisions and 13 rededications of life. Shimer Darr, pastor.

FORT LEWIS, WASH. In a surprise ceremony in the office of the post chaplain of Fort Lewis, Wash., Mrs. Emlyn Jones pinned captain bars on her husband's collar. Chaplain Jones is the assistant garrison chaplain at this fort. He was promoted to captain after serving as first lieutenant for only 90 days.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Two guest speakers were at the Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, May 29—Ralph Wiley, Protestant chaplain at the Marion (Ohio) Correctional Institution, and Evan Adams, assistant director of missions with Inter-Varsity. Rev. and Mrs. Adams are members of this church. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. A special service of the First Brethren Church at their new property was held June 16 on the front lawn of the parsonage; special guests were a quartet from Grace Schools. W. A. Ogden, pastor.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. National evangelist Ron Thompson held a crusade at the Ankenytown First Brethren Church May 1-8. Average attendance was 136, and there were five decisions for salvation, four children and one woman. Larry Gegner is pastor.

ALASKA. Chaplain (Capt.) Carlton Fuller, U.S. Air Force, has gone to Alaska for a one-year remote tour of duty. During the past three years Chaplain Fuller has served at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, N.Y. Mrs. Fuller and two daughters have moved to Winona Lake, Ind., where they will reside for the next year.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. An evangelism institute was held in April at the Grace Brethren Church, with Mr. Elvis Priest as director. On April 3, 13 were baptized at the close of the evening service. Rev. Don Hocking, missionary to Africa, was speaker for the Sunday morning service May 15. Russell Konves, pastor.

GALION, OHIO. Dave Hocking, pastor at Columbus, Ohio, was speaker for the dedication of the new Galion Grace Brethren Church May 22. Alva Conner, pastor.

COVINGTON, VA. The 30th anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church was celebrated May 8; speaker was Dr. Bernard Schneider, Fort Myers, Fla., and special music was provided by Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fish. Dr. Schneider held a "New Life" crusade at the church for three days the following week. Carl Miller is pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The guest speaker at all services of the Grace Brethren Church May 15 was Dr. Harold Etling, national Sunday school director. Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, missionaries to Puerto Rico, are to be at the church Sunday evening, June 26. Wesley Haller, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A six-week course on visitation began May 29 at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. Jack Kerr, a successful Christian layman in the banking business, is teacher. George Peek, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, missionaries to Puerto Rico, were guests recently at the Grace Brethren Church; Rev. Dickson spoke in the morning service, and his wife drew a chalk picture in the Sunday-school opening. Gene Witzky is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Knute Larson have moved to Wooster, where Knute, a 1966 graduate of Grace Seminary, will be assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Rev. O. E. Phillips, founder and president of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, Pa., held a prophetic Bible conference at the Calvary Brethren Church May 22-29. His final message, "Panorama of Prophecy," was presented all in pictures illustrating the prophecy of Daniel and Revelation. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. June 5 was "Appreciation Sunday" at the First Brethren Church for Wesley Haller, pastor of the Middlebranch, Ohio, Brethren church. The Dayton church has decided to honor its men who have gone into the Christian ministry through the years.

Three summer musicales are planned—July 3, Aug. 7, and Sept. 4. The Palermo Brothers are to be here July 17. Summer speakers include Richard Grant, Paul Fink (both of Winona Lake, Ind.), and Dale Kurtz. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

MAITLAND, FLA. The George Cone family, missionaries to Africa, were at the Grace Brethren Church May 22, and Rev. Cone spoke in the morning service. Herman Koontz, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The president of Biola College, Dr. Samuel Sutherland, spoke at the Community Grace Brethren Church Sunday morning, May 29. In the evening Rev. Harold Dunning, director of missions at Biola, presented the second in a series of messages. Gene Klingler, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Mr. P. J. Varonoff, of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, spoke and showed a film at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church Sunday evening, May 8. Randy Poyner, pastor from Lansing, Mich., held evangelistic meetings here in May. On the final night of the meetings there were 11 public decisions for Christ. On May 29 there was a showing of "Dateline: Argentina." Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, Brethren missionaries to Argentina, took part in the services of the Third Brethren Church May 30. Robert Kern is pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

LOPEZ, Rev. Maclovio, 35, a Brethren minister, died suddenly May 14 of a heart attack. As a young man he was active in the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. After graduating from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and from Talbot



Seminary, in 1961 he went to Mexico as a missionary under the Central American Mission. He is survived by his wife, Diane, who plans to remain in Mexico to teach in a Bible institute, and three children. A memorial service for "Mac" was held May 29 at the First Brethren Church. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

SLANKER, Mrs. Millie, 80, died May 22. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 50 years.

G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SORENSEN, Mrs. Charlotte, 82, died in May. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1920 until transfering her membership last September to the Brethren church at Anaheim, Calif., where her son-in-law, Donald Carter, is pastor. The funeral, held May 24, was conducted by Rev. Carter.

DRIVER, Ernest, a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., since 1923, died May 23. Funeral services were held the 26th.

Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

MOORE, Lester C., of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died suddenly in May. Rev. Alva Steffler, pastor, conducted the funeral service.



PURPLE AND GOLD

The Predictions of Today's Most Publicized Prophetess, Mrs. Jeane Dixon, Compared With Bible Prophecies

BY REV. CHARLES H. ASHMAN, JR.
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Winona Lake, Indiana

Because Mrs. Jeane Dixon has won international fame as a prophetess, seems to possess some uncanny perceptive qualities, has made numerous detailed predictions which have come true, considers her "gift" as from God, has made some predictions of the future which closely relate to what the Bible says is going to come to pass, and because many Christians have been disturbed by these predictions, the subject at hand is well worthy of our present attention. Let me remind you of our first article about Mrs. Dixon, "The Gift of Prophecy," published in this magazine on April 16, 1966. The conclusion of our former study was that, besides making some good guesses and logical deductions, she does possess a gift, but that her gift cannot be from God. She fails the Biblical tests of accuracy and effect.

However, having said all this, it is most interesting—yes, almost startling—to note some unique *parallels-in-contrast* between the Bible and Mrs. Dixon's prophecies of the future in the religious realm. Four distinct visions which she claims to have experienced in recent years, according to her, "fit into a mosaic which has enormous significance for all mankind." We shall look at each one separately with her interpretation and then put each under the scriptural microscope.

The Serpent-Wisdom Vision

"The first of these seemingly momentous visions occurred shortly after midnight on July 14, 1952." Mrs. Dixon claims that this was the vision that enabled her to give proper interpretation to later ones. She was in bed on a hot, humid Washington summer evening, covered only with a sheet—drowsy but not asleep. "Suddenly I could feel a physical motion against the mattress . . . facing the East . . . I saw the body of a *snake* [italics mine] . . . no bigger than a garden hose. I felt its powerful body twisting down the side of my bed . . . I could feel its head nudge beneath my ankles . . . its body growing larger as it wrapped itself around my legs and hips . . . as the snake gradually entwined itself around my chest now as big as a man's arm. It slowly turned its eyes and gazed into mine. In them was the all-knowing wisdom of the ages. . . . I seemed to know I had much to learn . . . that I must look to the East for God's wisdom and guidance. . . . It was telling me that if my faith was great enough I could penetrate some of the divine wisdom. A sense of peace on earth, good will toward men coursed through my being. . . . The snake gradually withdrew. It was 3:14 a.m.

I have quoted extensively here from Mrs. Ruth Montgomery's book about Mrs. Dixon to show how the prophetess claims to have received her wisdom about future events—*from a serpent!* This is an experience very much like that described by the witch doctors among primitive Indians in the Amazon valley who know the reality of the "white boa," the demon spirit that gives them strength and understanding. Any well informed Christian knows the Bible story of the serpent Satan in Genesis 3. He prophesied in verse 5, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." And God said in verse 22, "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil." Satan there talked of "wisdom" and "knowing." And Eve saw that the fruit of the tree was desirable to make one "wise." Satan, the serpent, was the first false prophet, prophesying the truth with a lie and leading men away from faith in the true God. What Satan said would happen did happen; but he implied that it would be good for man, when in reality it was the door for the tragic entrance of sin and all its consequences into the human race. And as we look at the other visions of Mrs. Dixon and the interpretations she says the serpent vision enabled her to make, you will see a startling parallel—the truth with a lie, the substitution of good for bad and bad for good. Satan knows much, but satanic wisdom is never given for the good of mankind or the glory of God.

One World Church Vision

The "one world church" vision reportedly occurred in

958 at St. Matthew's Cathedral when Mrs. Dixon was choosing ten purple containers to burn candles for intentions. She had just reached into her purse for coins when she found her hands entangled in a mass of purple and gold balls which floated upward and gradually merged into a massive purple disk edged in gold enveloping the statue of the virgin Mary. Mrs. Dixon says, "The Holy Mother's face came alive . . . and the most magnificent sunshine flooded down from the dome of the church. Suddenly brilliant rays shone on every imaginable people and religion . . . every nationality and creed. A remarkable peace overcame me and I knew that a council of our church [she is a devout Catholic] would soon bring together under the roof of the Holy See in Rome the religions and nationalities of all the world." As Mrs. Dixon later told one of her friends of this vision she said, "Our Church is going to call a great council of all faiths and creeds . . . peoples from every land will be represented and eventually all religions will be brought together under one sun. Our Holy See in Rome is going to start the trend."

Less than four years later Pope John XXIII summoned the Ecumenical Council to Rome, the second ever to be held in St. Peter's Basilica. And beside 2,700 of the Roman hierarchy there were representatives of 128 major Protestant denominations and of the Eastern and Russian Orthodox churches. This council reconvened under Pope Paul VI, who, in his opening discourse, made an appeal for Christian unity heading toward a complete and universal union of all Christians. Since that time many more drastic steps have been taken toward uniting all faiths under one canopy. The movement toward a world church is here, and it is big and is moving fast. This is the very heart cry of the National and World Councils of Churches, and they include Rome. The Pope recently stated, "Our separated brethren are walking toward us."

It is not my purpose here, though it would be a good one, to show how evil such a movement is and why, except to state that it involves the giving up of the very cardinal doctrines of the faith on which true Christianity stands. My purpose is to show from Scripture that what Mrs. Dixon, under serpentine enlightenment, predicts as the *wonderful world church* is a startling parallel-in-contrast to what God says will really happen.

Now please read Revelation 17:1-6, 9, 15, 18. It is my thorough conviction that a detailed study of this chapter will show that the wicked woman described here speaks of the apostate world church of the end of this age.

The symbol of the harlot is used consistently in Scripture to represent apostate religion (for instance, see Ezek. 16). God speaks of unfaithful Israel as having committed spiritual adultery. In contrast, faithful Israel is called Jehovah's faithful wife, and the pure church is pictured as the pure bride.

Purple and gold, a priest told Mrs. Dixon, were colors highly significant of things in the religious realm. The harlot of Revelation 17 is arrayed (v. 4) in purple and scarlet and decked with gold. She, according to verse 15, sits upon many waters, which represent peoples, nations and tongues, or races and nationalities. She is called the "mother of harlots"; that is, she as an apostate church induces others to join in her abominations and departure from the pure faith of the true God.

Let me make perfectly clear one point: the only world church spoken of in the Scriptures that does not have *Christ himself* personally present as its sole and supreme head is an apostate and false one. To join it is to join forces with spiritual wickedness, and that in high places. It is to succumb again to the lie of the serpent. I believe a world church including Catholics and Protestants and most other religious groups is coming. But it will be a false, apostate church and will ultimately suffer total destruction (v. 16). It will certainly never bring in Christ's kingdom. That will take the bodily return of Christ himself.

Papal Authority Vision

Another of the major visions of Mrs. Dixon deals with the end of papal authority. It is curiously entangled with the "vision of Fatima," which Rome claims happened in Portugal in 1917 when three girls "saw the Virgin Mary coming out of the sun." The story of Fatima says that these three girls received prophecies of future events, some of which "have come to pass." One of these prophecies, however, was to have been revealed or made known by the papacy in 1960, a revelation which was never forthcoming. Now Mrs. Dixon's vision: "The next step came while she was kneeling at prayer in St. Matthew's Cathedral, holding her crystal ball. . . . 'Before me stood the Holy Mother draped in purplish blue, gold and white rays. I saw the throne of the Pope, but it was empty. The Pope was off to one side and had blood running down his face. . . . I realized that in this century a pope would be bodily harmed and after that the head of the church will wear a different insignia.'" This was a sign to Mrs. Dixon of the end of papal authority and what she claims to be the unrevealed prophecy of Fatima.

Does the Bible have anything to say that in any way parallels this? Read Revelation 13. This chapter tells us of a satanic trinity. The first beast is the Antichrist, the second beast is the false prophet, and the dragon is Satan himself, who empowers the beasts. Here we are interested in the second beast, or the false prophet, surely the head of the false religion in the end time. What does he do? Look at verses 11-16 and you will see that he gives up his position and prestige to the Antichrist so that he causes all to worship him. Compare this with Revelation 17:16-17 and you will see that ultimately the harlot—the apostate world church—after being used by the Antichrist in his rise to power is consumed by him as he "hurts" her with utter destruction.

I shall not be so bold as to identify the false prophet as the last pope, but I shall be so bold as to state that the world church, whether under papal authority or not, is not as Mrs. Dixon claims, the answer to the world's problems; rather, it will be the very tool Satan will use to prepare the hearts of men to serve his man, the Antichrist, through the wonders of the false prophet. So we can know that there is coming an end to papal authority when this last world dictator causes all to receive his mark and worship his image.

New Savior-New Christianity Vision

"It was a vision dominated by a bright sunglow before sunrise on February 5, 1962. . . . Stepping out of the sun she saw a pharaoh with queen Nefertiti (a queen of early Egypt). The queen carried a child dressed in soiled and ragged clothes. The eyes of the child were all knowing—full of wisdom and knowledge. . . . As she watched, the child grew to manhood . . . a small cross formed above him and began to expand until it dipped over the earth in all directions. Simultaneously peoples of every race, religion, and color, each kneeling and lifting his arms in worshipful adoration, surrounded him."

Now listen to Mrs. Dixon's interpretation. "A child born somewhere in the Middle East shortly after 7:00 a.m. EST on February 5, 1962, will revolutionize the world. Before the close of this century he will bring together in one all embracing faith all mankind. This will be the foundation

of a new Christianity, with every sect and creed united through this man who will walk among the people to spread the wisdom of the Almighty Power. . . . This person, though born of humble peasant origin, is a descendant of queen Nefertiti and her pharaoh husband. Mankind will begin to feel his power in the 1980's and during the next ten years the world as we know it will be reshaped and revamped into one without wars or suffering. This will be accomplished by 1999."

Let me note in passing that Nefertiti was the queen of Pharaoh Akhenaton (Amenhotep IV) who led a religious revolution in Egypt, worshiping the sun disc; some have wrongly claimed he was a monotheist. So here, coming out of Egypt, Mrs. Dixon sees a world ruler with a new Christianity.

What does the Bible say will really happen? Daniel (Dan. 11:36), John (Rev. 13:1 ff.; 17:12-13), and Paul (II Thess. 2:1-3, 8-12) all say that a world ruler is coming. The "new religion" he will bring is the worship of himself, and he has the number of a man, 666. He will claim to be the world's savior and will oppose the worship of any other; hence, his name is "Antichrist." His end is certain, for he is the one "whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth" (II Thess. 2:8; cp. Rev. 19:19-20).

Was he born in Egypt? I don't know, but I do know that we would be denying all Biblical admonition if we were to give heed to or fear the predictions of this woman whose prophecies fail to meet the test of Biblical accuracy and who would lead us away from the already revealed truths of God's Word. Mrs. Dixon would have us believe that the world church, the new savior, and the new Christianity that she predicts will be "the answer to the prayers of a troubled world." But God tells us that these trends are really leading to a world dictator who will oppose all that is called God.

Under the searchlight of the Scripture Mrs. Dixon's visions are revealed to be false, satanic, and leading away from a knowledge and understanding of "the more sure word of prophecy," the Bible. She is a false prophetess and should be neither feared nor followed.

The end of this age, as foretold by God's revelation, is not a pleasant picture. To my reader who knows not the true Saviour, Jesus of Calvary, I urge: Consider Him, for in Him alone is refuge for a coming hour of tribulation.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Eugenia L. Swain and Curtis Stevens, April 8, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Rose Murray and Kenneth Eshleman, April 29, Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Karen Foellinger and David Becher, May 19, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Cherie LaPole and Raymond Lewis, II, May 21, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Susan Elizabeth Horney and Bernard Lee Simmons, June 2, Grace Seminary Chapel, Winona Lake, Ind.

Beverly Kendall and Charles Michener, June 4, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

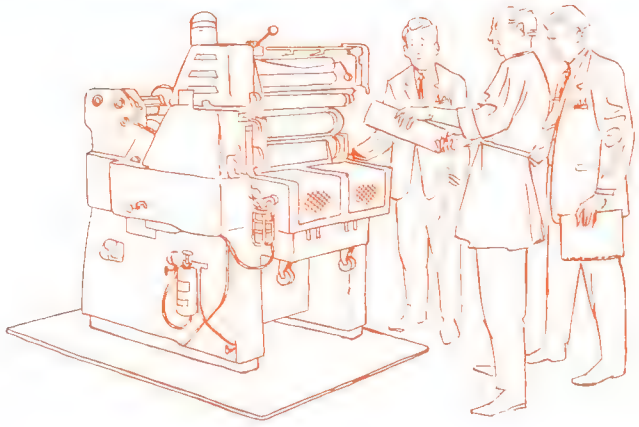
June Brown and Merlin Berkey, June 4, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Judy Turner and Jim De Dario, June 4, Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Paula Ann Saunders and Darrel L. McCully, June 11, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Publication Offering Time

Our Offering Goal for 1966 Is $20,000



YOUR GIFT WILL ENABLE US TO:

Furnish $1,000 worth of literature for Africa

Supply tracts and literature to churches and mission points

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Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, JULY 15

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His hand of blessing upon the Missionary Herald Company, and for the impact the printed Word has had upon the lives of those to whom it has ministered.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the 1966 Publication Offering, that it may exceed the projected $20,000 goal.

PRAY for an enlarged free literature ministry of the Herald Company for our Brethren foreign mission fields.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the national conference laymen's sessions, particularly as the men are challenged regarding evangelism.

PRAISE the Lord for the part that laymen are having in furnishing scholarships for Grace College, and the gratefulness of the students receiving them.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for those, both on the field and at home, who care for the time-consuming business details of the mission work.

PRAY for safety of travel for all missionaries going to and from the fields this summer.

PRAY for the youth works on the fields, and for missionary and national personnel who are working especially with youth.

PRAY for wisdom and strength for the mission medical staff in the Central African Republic.

PRAY for the calling forth and training of many more national leaders on the seven fields.

CHAPLAINS

PRAY for a young man soon to leave the service who is planning to enter Bible school to study for the ministry. Pray that if it is God's will, he will be led to Grace College for a thorough preparation and then on to Grace Seminary for specialized study in the Word.

PRAY for the ministry of a choir just begun in the newly assigned chapel for Chaplain Emlyn Jones, and for the rapidly growing junior church program conducted by his wife in an artillery chapel at Fort Lewis, Washington.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the Sunday schools of The Brethren Church may accept the challenge of an 8 per cent increase in attendance.

PRAY that the workers involved in the national Sunday school convention may be spiritually prepared for the convention. Pray that the convention may be inspiring and instructional for all who come.

PRAY that the financial needs of the Brethren Sunday School Board might be fully met.

YOUTH

PRAY for the continuing ministry of our summer missionaries.

PRAY for the camp team as they minister in the following camps: East District, Southern Ohio, Michigan, Allegheny.

PRAY for a spiritual awakening among the teens of America.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the Grace Schools inspirational service at national conference may prove to be a great blessing.

PRAY for the two teams from Grace College who will be completing their itineraries in the East and the West in the near future.

PRAY for students who are making final decisions as to where they should go to college or seminary this fall.

PRAY for the special efforts being put forth this summer for funds so that construction on the new library can soon begin.

PRAISE God for the early completion of the Men's Residence Hall, which will be dedicated at the time of national conference.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY that the Minute-Man letter for Beaverton, Oregon, will meet the need for the Luke Kauffmans to have a full-time ministry.

PRAY for Rev. and Mrs. Terrance Taylor and their new ministry at Lexington, Ohio. (Mrs. Taylor was our office secretary for the past two years.)

PRAY for the preparation of reports and materials for the annual board meeting and national conference.

PRAY for Rev. Robert Thompson, who will soon become the full-time western field director for Brethren Home Missions.

PRAY for the summer program of the Taos, New Mexico, mission.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continual blessings upon His Word as ministered through Evangelist Ron Thompson.

PRAY for the witnessing that is planned by our board during national conference week.

PRAY for the director, Bill Smith, as he carries on the responsibilities of the board.

PRAY for the Board of Evangelism as it seeks to enlarge its ministry so that in this crucial hour the NFBC may have a strong voice reaching lives with the message that is able to transform them.

SMM

PRAY for our national SMM officers as they plan the programs for our national SMM meetings at camp.

PRAY for many of our SMM girls as they assist in district camps, DVBS, and other Christian activities this summer.

PRAISE the Lord for the many projects completed in our Martha goal.

WMC

PRAY for the WMC sessions at national conference, that the Lord may meet each woman present in a new way.

PRAY that the ladies of our WMC's may manifest Christ in their lives.

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Graduation--1966!



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president, at graduation exercises, is flanked by (left to right) Fred Bailey, senior class president, Grace College; Dr. Myron Augsburger, commencement speaker; and (far right) Henry Bryant, senior class president, Grace Theological Seminary.

Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

The Signs of the Times

As never before in the history of the world during the Christian era, the signs of the approaching end of the age have been multiplying. Whether you look at the international situation, the financial, the scientific, the cultural, the moral, the religious, or what, all seem to be telling one story, the climax of an age, the culmination of trends, the converging of currents in a gigantic maelstrom. It was none other than our Lord Jesus Christ who insisted, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Think of the Moral Conditions

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" (Luke 17:26). And what was it like in the days of Noah? "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Gen. 6:5, 11).

And what is it like today? The answer is to be found in the increasing number of articles on crime and violence appearing in the newspapers and periodicals decrying the trend of the times. Here is one entitled "The Fear that Haunts the 'Good Life.'" A few excerpts from this article are representative of many others.

"Americans are burdened with fear, a fear of physical danger and death, the fear of falling prey to a criminal on the streets. . . . It's one of the paradoxes of the modern age that as life gets more comfortable, opportunities for crime grow apace.

"It's a new kind of fear. . . .

"Men fear for the safety of their women . . . and women are so absorbed in fear that, beyond worrying about assault and rape, they have sometimes turned to manufacturers who would exploit these anxieties. A number of companies have marketed several types of 'female protection' devices. . . ."

The one word that is used in this article to characterize the whole crime situation is the word "violence," the very word used in the Genesis account to describe the wickedness of the days of Noah. Let him that has wisdom contemplate the trend of the times.

A Government Watch on Humanity

A startling headline greeted the readers of the May 16 issue of *U. S. News and World Report:* "A Government Watch on 200 Million Americans." A subtitle reads, "Your life story may be on file with the Government before long, subject to official scrutiny at the push of a button. That's the trend. It can lead to a 'data bank' in Washington, storing up facts on everybody's records on schooling, jobs, taxes, arrests, other information."

The article goes on. "Today the Social Security number is on most tax returns. Banks and businesses use people's Social Security numbers when reporting interest and dividend payments to the Internal Revenue Service. That number has become a universal identification number around which the lifetime record of every individual can be built.

"Plans taking shape for the 1970 census suggests an interest in obtaining much more information about individuals, including, possibly, their religious affiliation. . . .

"The potentials of this whole developing trend are alarming to a growing number of individuals who are aware of what is happening. This alarm grows from the possibility

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Staff Additions Bolster Faculty, Key Departments

Six new full-time faculty members are being added to the Grace College teaching staff for the 1966-67 academic year, according to E. William Male, academic dean of the college. There will be two other full-time additions to the staff, one in the Development Department and one in the Department of Student Personnel.

Music . . .



Gerald Franks

Gerald Franks will be added to the Music Department as instructor of instrumental music. Mr. Franks is a graduate of West Virginia University and has taken additional work at Waynesburg College and Pennsylvania State University. He has had his own music studio in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and has taught music in the Albert Gallatin school system since 1962. Mr. Franks recently conducted a band clinic in Warsaw, Indiana, and was the featured soloist with the Warsaw High School Band on Tuesday evening, May 17.

John Stoll has been appointed as assistant professor in Bible. He attended Wheaton College and received a B.A. from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, in 1949. He earned both a B.D. and Th.M. degree at Grace Theological Seminary and is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. He has served on the faculties of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, and Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri, where he holds the rank of vice-president and dean of education.

Mr. Daniel Wonderly will be added to the science faculty as assistant professor of biology. He received his undergraduate training at Indiana University and Wheaton College, where he earned the B.A. degree in anthropology in 1949. Additional study at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College and Ohio University culminated in an M.S. degree in zoology in 1961. He has done additional graduate study at the University of South Carolina. Since 1961 he has served as instructor in zoology at Wingate College, Wingate, North Carolina.

Mr. Richard Kriegbaum has been appointed instructor in Spanish. He received a B.A. degree (with high honor) from Wheaton College in 1963 with a major in Spanish. He was a student in Grace Seminary for one year. During the 1964-65 school year he taught at the Brethren Elementary School in Warsaw, Indiana, and this past year taught French at the Warsaw Community High School. He received the M.A. degree in Spanish from Ball State University on June 5.

Bible . . .



John Stoll

Mr. Richard Dilling has been appointed as instructor in science for the 1966-67 academic year. Mr. Dilling received a B.S. from Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania in 1962 with a major in physics. He

Christian Service . . .



Ward Kriegbaum

"Studies" . . .



Larry Poland

Public Relations



Terry White

has taught high school science in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, and Butler, Indiana, and is pursuing additional work in physics at Purdue University.

Mr. Edgar Lovelady, who has served as an English teacher at the Cromwell High School, Cromwell, Indiana, since 1963, has been appointed as instructor in English to teach in the area of American and English literature. He holds a B.A. degree from Grace College (1960), a B.D. from Grace Theological Seminary (1963), and received his M.A. degree in English at St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Larry Poland, a member of the Grace College faculty since 1963, will be returning to the campus this fall after a one-year leave of absence at Purdue University, where he is completing all residency requirements for the Ph.D. degree. A graduate of Wheaton College (1961) and Grace Theological Seminary (1965), Mr. Poland will be teaching in the field of sociology and serving as director of institutional studies.

Ward A. Kriegbaum joined the Grace College staff on June 1 as director of student aid, director of Christian service, and instructor in social studies. Mr. Kriegbaum attended Wheaton College for two years,

English . . .

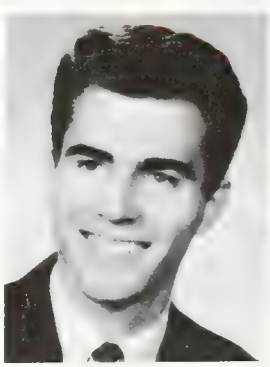


Edgar Lovelady

and then was graduated from Grace College in 1964 with the bachelor of arts degree (honorable mention), with a major in history. In 1965 he received his master of arts degree from Indiana University in the area of personnel in higher education. During that year he served as director of student activities for Indiana University. Following graduation he was called as director of financial aid, instruction, and counseling at LeTourneau College in Longview, Texas.

Terry D. White assumed his duties as director of public relations in the Development Department on June 1. Mr. White was graduated from the Dayton Joint Schools in Dayton, Pennsylvania, and came to Grace College, where he received the B.M.E. degree in 1964. He will be receiving his M.M.E. degree from Indiana University this September. This past year Mr. White has been teaching in the Goshen, Indiana, city school system in the area of instrumental music. In addition, he and his

. . . Spanish



Richard Kriegbaum

wife, Sharon Auxt White (B.M.E. Grace College '64), have been the pianist and organist for the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Mr. White's responsibilities will revolve around publications and advertising, news releases, summer team itineration, and photography. ▼

Science . . .



Richard Dilling



Daniel Wonderly

For six Grace College and Seminary students it will be a summer of . . .

By Dorothy Toirac

Faculty Advisor

Penetration!

Operation Mobilization is a student movement rapidly spreading throughout the world, dedicated to the task of evangelism. Its purpose is not simply to distribute millions of tracts and Gospel portions, but also to glorify God by stimulating young men and women to become effective followers of Jesus Christ, living a life of faith and love according to the principles of discipleship laid down in the Scriptures.

Its strategy is for unencumbered believers to take out a summer, several months, or a year from their work or studies to proclaim Christ in areas where the vast majority do not understand just who Jesus Christ is or what He can do for them. It attempts to function not as an outside organization, but as a servant to the established churches and missionaries.

Its aim is to unite local Christians into an effective, disciplined force to reach their own country. To spur this effort, qualified American students are given opportunity to work side by side with national Christians on teams. Thousands of youth from some 32 different nations have participated in summer and year crusades since 1958.

Four Grace students participated in the Christmas crusade to Mexico in 1965. They came back to the campus with such glowing testimonies that now there are six who are preparing to go out for the summer. Mexico, France, and Spain will be the target countries.

Let their own testimonies stir your heart.



Rita Hoyt
B.A., Grace College
Winona Lake, Indiana—Spain

". . . This interested me very much, especially since God had given me the opportunity to grow up speaking Spanish (my parents are missionaries in Argentina). . . . That first Christmas I was not able to go to Mexico, but God kept the thought constantly before me and showed me clearly that I was to go the next year. Not only that, but He also raised up three others in the college to go on the crusade. We had to prepare by reading books, listening to tapes, getting shots, and above all studying the Word and praying.

"The two weeks spent in Mexico really changed my life. Every other afternoon we heard very challenging and revolutionary messages, and spent time in prayer together as a group (about two hundred). The rest of the time we were engaged in personal literature evangelism . . . you never know what the warfare is really like until you get into it.

"After the experiences in Mexico, God showed me that I should not waste this summer just working to supply my needs when He has promised to do that if I obey Him. That conviction, along with many other indications that it is His will, have given me the assurance that God wants me in Spain this summer."

Diana Smart
Junior, Grace College
Dayton, Ohio—Mexico

"Last year I was like many students around here . . . most miserable. I knew that God wanted me here at Grace, but yet everything was going wrong, so I blamed Him for it. Then last summer, after I had made a total failure of myself, He showed me that my problem was 'me.' . . . Everything I had been doing was 'self-motivated.'

". . . Now, since I surrendered my life completely to Him, I am happier than I have ever been. The sweet communion and walk with Him is richer and stronger. . . . Now that I am in His perfect will, this year at Grace has been filled with blessings! . . . When I felt Him calling me to Mexico, I hesitated. . . . But He showed me that if I was willing, would pray and completely rest in Him, He would open the doors—and so He did! Praise the Lord. Psalm 13:5-6."



Evelyn Tschetter
M.R.E., Grace Seminary
Winona Lake, Indiana—France

"I first became interested on O.M. when my sister Lois went to Spain

last summer. . . . Through chapel speakers the Lord kept bringing to my mind the need of Europe. One speaker told us that there are more people in Europe who do not have a Bible than the total population of the United States. This fact really challenged me, and I thought that if I could do my part to help meet this need through distributing New Testaments, Bibles, and Christian literature, I would thank the Lord that He chose to use me in even this small way. . . . I would ask you to pray with us as the early Christians did in Acts 4, that the Lord would 'grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word' (v. 29). It is encouraging to me that the Lord answered their request (v. 31).



Lynn Hoyt
Sophomore, Grace College
Winona Lake, Indiana—Spain

"The work the Lord has led me to do this summer will not be easy. Besides walking from door to door every day, six days a week, we will need strength to speak to people about the Lord.

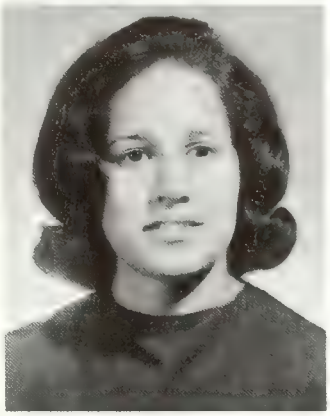
"When I began to think of going to Spain this summer, I thought, 'Oh, I can't go; I have to stay home and work.' The Lord showed me, however, that if I didn't know how to trust Him for the money that I need to complete the next year's tuition costs, I wouldn't learn to trust Him for anything.

"So it is that I am eagerly looking forward to this work of door-to-door literature evangelism."



George Miley
Senior, Grace Seminary
Richmond, Virginia—France

"It was one night in January as I routinely finished setting the type for a story at the Warsaw *Times-Union* that I began to think of the group of students who would go out this summer with Operation Mobilization. That's a tremendous work! I would surely support them with my prayers. Then the thought came to me, 'Why don't you go, George?' It was a wonderful thought. Too bad that it would be impossible! There was no way I could continue in seminary next year without working during the summer. No way? 'Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). "Some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame' (I Cor. 15: 34). 'Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?' (Mark 4: 40)."



Eleanor Mares
Senior, Grace College
Taos, New Mexico—Spain

"This past Christmas vacation the Lord saw fit to send me, along with other college students, to Mexico to witness to the people there. It was a blessing to see people come to know the Lord and to witness the change in their lives as they thrilled because He now was the most important person in their life.

"The Lord taught me many things as a result of the crusade. For one thing, I learned that the greatest need of people everywhere is that of meeting Christ face to face and knowing Him as personal Saviour. Another thing I realized as never before was that people *are* interested in knowing more about God and His Word, but we must go to them and present them with the Gospel. . . ."

Do not fail to put these young people on your prayer list for the summer. They trust God completely for the supply of their needs, including passage. If you would like to know more about Operation Mobilization, ask for information from:

SEND THE LIGHT, Inc.
243 Van Houten Ave.
Wyckoff, New Jersey



Six Grace students will literally go to all the world in their summer work with Operation Mobilization. Shown here with their advisor, Dorothy Toirac (far right), they are: Evelyn Tschetter, Rita Hoyt, Lynn Hoyt, George Miley, Diana Smart, and Eleanor Mares.

Unique and Awesome

Because of our proximity to Grace College and Seminary, the Winona Lake Brethren Church and other area Brethren churches are presented with the unique privilege and the awesome responsibility of being a church home for students while they are away from their home churches. As I recall my own experience I remember well the "undocked" feeling I had when attendance at college made it necessary to be away from a Brethren church and in no direct personal contact with a pastor-counselor. Therefore I count it a unique privilege as well as an awesome responsibility to be pastor of what might be called the "Seminary-College" church.

Preaching

Preaching to those who are in the "academics," both student and professor, does present some special challenges. But the words of I Corinthians 1:18 and 2:5 ("For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. . . . That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God"), plus the warm response to the plain presentation of the claims of Christ in His Word, have confirmed my conviction that these in "academics" need and appreciate simple Bible preaching that touches on their lives just as anyone else.

Counseling

But the more unique ministry comes in the oft repeated opportunities to talk (the updated term is counsel) with students of many denominations in the study about their personal needs and problems. Much time is often spent in this. It is the prayer and purpose of this church and pastor that in God's way many of those who so come will be helped and that some will be thrust from the sinkings of discouragement and difficulties back into proper orbit for the Lord. It would be impossible to review the variety of needs which students, newly away from home, often have—from a faulty attitude toward a roommate or professor to the deepest stress and spiritual turmoil.



By Rev. Charles H. Ashman, Jr,

Pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church
Winona Lake, Indiana

College area churches need your earnest prayers as they seek to minister to your youth. And one of the greatest needs, I believe, is for Brethren students to be encouraged to attend Brethren churches and to become active and faithful in them.

Student Membership

So to remove the "shroud" that often makes unclear just how a student may "dock" into and become a real part of a church home while away from his home church, the Winona Lake Brethren Church (and probably other area Brethren churches too) is offering a STUDENT MEMBERSHIP plan this fall. The purpose of this is to "tie" the Brethren students into the local church giving them the sense of belonging plus eligibility for offices and teaching positions in the church. The plan is simple.

1. Any student who is a member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is eligible.
2. He will secure a letter from his pastor indicating that he is a member in good standing.
3. He will be received into "student membership" upon request and presentation of said letter.
4. This membership is valid only while attending Grace, and it does not affect his home church membership, nor is it reported on the Winona Lake Brethren Church statistical report.

We do hope that you will encourage your youth to come to Grace and that you will encourage them to "dock" into some area Brethren church through "student membership" while here. It will help us take better care of them and give them a more secure church relationship until they come back home to you. ▼

Our President . . .

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of abuse in a period when the Government shows what has been described as an expanding tendency to use its power against individuals."

The invention of computers as a means of collecting and classifying the multiplying facts of life in the midst of an exploding population has produced this terrifying possibility. But what is today mere alarm over the possibility, will one day become reality, as clearly indicated in the prophetic Word. John wrote, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:16-17).

Buying Up the Opportunity

There are moral implications associated with these developing trends. For Christians it is high time to awake out of sleep and redeem the time, for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. Buying up the opportunity means one thing: namely, centering our energies on the business the Lord gave us to do. At this end of the line, it means centering our energies on Christian education for the tremendous task of snatching men as brands from the burning. ▼

Campus News

Stamp Drive Halfway Along

Grace College reached the halfway mark recently in its campaign to raise 2,500 Top Value stamp books for a new bus for the school.

This left the drive still 1,250 stamp books short.

College officials advise that donors remember to sign all their books along with their names and addresses.

Books should be sent to: Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Dean of Students, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Recent donors who helped pull the drive past the halfway mark are:

	BOOKS
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**Our special appreciation to these groups for their excellent response*

Clothes Needed . . .

HELP NEEDED. For the Grace College Play Department —old clothes (clean), such as shoes, hats, dresses, suits, coats, handbags, or any apparel suitable for such activities. (Articles can be mailed to the college in care of the Play Department, or given to a representative of the school.) Anything no longer usable to you would be appreciated and would save the Play Department considerable money.

Mail to:
Grace College
Play Department
Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Graduation Correction

Laura B. Humberd received the degree of Master of Religious Education from Grace Seminary on June 1. (We regret the omission of her degree on page 18 of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, May 28, 1966.)

Grace Summer School

Summer school opened June 6 at Grace with 86 students enrolled in the college and 22 students in the seminary.

Dr. Jesse B. Humberd is director of the summer school, which includes two terms, June 6 to July 15, and July 18 to August 12. Twenty-three different courses are offered in the college and four in the seminary, in addition to some special research projects.

A short course in Christian school philosophy and education will be featured in the second semester.

They Learn By Doing!

Student Pastors Get a Double Education

By Thomas E. Hammers

"Preach the word," was the admonition of the apostle Paul to young Timothy.

Twenty-nine Grace seminarians this past year heeded the words of Paul and combined preaching and pastoral experience with their seminary education.

Of this number, 20 are already married. Six were juniors, with four married; ten were middlers, with seven married; and 13 were seniors, with nine married. Nine have children, and 14 of the wives were regularly employed to help their husbands get their seminary degrees.

Seven of the men have been licensed by the denominations of which they are members, and six are ordained. Eleven of these have been serving as regular pastors, two as assistants, and one as interim pastor; 13 have served occasionally in pulpit supply work, others as youth directors and choir directors.

Denominations represented by the church in which these men have served are: Brethren, four; Baptist, four; Congregational Christian, one; Evangelical Mennonite, one; Evangelical United Brethren, one; and Independent, six. The combined membership of these churches totaled 1,037, the largest with 300 members and the smallest with 25. Sunday morning congregations ranged from 35 to 250.

Those serving as regular pastors usually ministered in Sunday school, morning and evening worship services and frequently in youth meetings. Some also had the responsibility for midweek services, funerals, weddings and baptisms.

Each week these young Timothys traveled a total of 2,772 miles to and from their churches and in the discharge of their ministerial duties.

Their tenure of service ranged from five months to two and one-half years, for a combined service total of twenty and one-half years.

Only three of these student pastors reported that their salary paid all of their seminary expenses; for one, it covered three-fourths of his expenses; for three, one-half; for five, one-fourth; and for four, none. Nine men indicated that their personal expenses involved in carrying on this ministry were cared for by their churches. It is quite evident why it is necessary for the wives of so many of the seminarians to be employed.

Not only do these young Timothys receive invaluable experience as student pastors, but their churches also receive great blessing through the ministry of dedicated men who love Christ and love to preach His Word, in which they are being well trained at Grace Theological Seminary. ▼



Group of 15 seminary student pastors poses in chapel.

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Missionaries To the Field—Three Personal Stories . . .

An African Looks At Puerto Rico —Part 2



San Juan gate in the "Old City" of San Juan was the main entrance to the walled city and is now the only remaining gate. In the early 17th century defense works guarded San Juan from sea attack, but the rest of the city was unprotected. So in 1631 construction of the city wall started, taking 150 years to complete. Originally there were six gates, three of which opened to the bay. In the late 19th century, because of increased commerce and traffic, a section of the wall was demolished. (Photo courtesy Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Tourism)

TEMPORARY DOUBT AT THE UNIVERSITY

An African Looks at Puerto Rico . . . Part 2

By Wilson Okite

(Editor's note: Last month Okite told of leaving his home in Kenya to study in a Puerto Rican university, and subsequently his meeting with the Maxwell Brennemans, Brethren missionaries in Puerto Rico.)

I stood strongly against missionary paternalism in class at Wheaton Graduate School of Theology this year. But ironically I have a most wonderful "missionary father" in Puerto Rico. I have accepted the title, "our African son," which "my dear Mother B." conferred upon me. And Mr. Brenneman can claim an African son because he has helped me to develop sound and durable principles of life for both time and eternity.

My attitude toward missions and missionaries has undergone a revolutionary change since my becoming a Christian and particularly since my becoming part of the Brenneman family. Several years have gone by since I became a Christian, but each day I detect how Christ prepared my mind and my conditions and experiences in such a way that when I finally confronted Him, I could totally let go. As far back as 1952, when my mother was saved, I felt His presence many times. I can recall my experiences of His presence at certain Inter-Varsity meetings and how these so puzzled me and pressed me on to consider Him more seriously. I can remember how He guided me all along, and how He was rejected and spat upon by me on so many occasions.

At the university in Puerto Rico, I had become a part of students who were radically dedicated to world peace. I was so politically minded, and I looked at all things in terms of peaceful relations between men of different cultures and sexes and religions and races and what-have-you. But our faculty advisors, great men in their own rights, shocked me in one way: they could inspire us concerning world peace and understanding, yet they could successfully and shamelessly maintain a "cold war" in their families and aggressively support a "hot war" in their own lives.

So, when I visited the Brennemans in their home, armed to the teeth with my prejudicial attitude toward a "good family," I saw something different. Something infinitely superior to my idealistic notions. There was that spiritual dimension against which I had previously developed a mental block. I saw it in action here. I was overcome.

The next time I was with Mr. Brenneman I could accept him as a successful man, a man who could talk to me, because he had a happy, contented, and admirable family. I put the Brenneman family with the political context and said: "How much better it is to have a quiet and happy home and a storm outdoors, than a storm indoors when outdoors is quiet and happy."

It must have been at this time that I began to "preach" about the "Kingdom of God" and to be regular at Inter-Varsity study sessions. I entertained the idea that peace depended upon the righteousness within the hearts of individuals, and that the formula for this was conceived by Jesus two thousand years ago and recorded in the Bible. If its central theme would be grasped and placed within the context of the contemporary world, we would live in the Kingdom of God.

This idea was very much encouraged by the university church to which I went regularly at this time. The Inter-Varsity group was also quite fond of a phrase, "Christ the Lord," which I interpreted at first as the key title of Jesus, the One who must be obeyed.

The great irony of the whole situation was that the more I read the Bible, the more I realized it talked just like my mother: in highly exalted terms with no practical basis. This was a serious letdown!

At this point I needed the help of a friend. The Inter-Varsity group had been very sincere, and had challenged me to the full. But I was becoming self-conscious among them. It was no longer delightful to study the Bible with them.

I went to Mr. Brenneman. I remember how disgusted I felt as he opened his Bible, but I kept quiet, hoping to hear how he got his principles that were so practical from the Book. We stayed up late that night.

It was a marvelous thing to realize that Christ could be Lord, but first and most wondrously, He is my Saviour.

After I became a Christian a friend asked, "Are you now in the Kingdom of God?"

I began to sweat; I couldn't answer that. I regretted ever talking about the Kingdom of God. I told him: "I have joined the Church of Christ. I am not quite clear about the Kingdom. I need to study it."

That was the beginning of my search for a church. I went to many churches. I thought at one time of registering with the university church, which seemed quite liberal and open-minded. The word "liberal" was my pet word then. It represented all the forward-looking ideas and people.

But I became suspicious about their attitude toward the Bible. I could get along with many of the liberal ideas, but when I realized that the Bible was not going to be our final authority, I began to question several things. "Suppose I don't agree with these philosophical interpretations? Suppose there is a cultural twist to these views which I as an African cannot detect, but only swallow wholesale as being Christian?" And so on.

I decided to return to my family and my church, the Grace Brethren Bible Church.

In my next article I will give an objective report on my church in Puerto Rico.

Editorially Speaking

By Russell D. Barnard

Missionaries . . . to the Inferior?

To many nationals the term "missionary" is not acceptable. Possibly those of us in the "sending" and "going" business are partially responsible.

Do we think of these people to whom we send or go as poor, benighted, ignorant, inferior people, and do we go to them as the superior to the inferior? If ever we do, we have the answer to our query as to why nationals are often unhappy with missionaries.

We are not superior and they inferior. The missionary may have better training, more experience, better equipment; but training, experience, and equipment do not make a man superior—they only make him more responsible to others.

The work of the witness or the missionary is not to serve as a superior with inferiors; rather, it is to give a message of the love of God in Christ to all men. The one to whom we witness may be on a much lower scale of living—and he needs Christ. He may be in a much higher area of life, but he still needs Christ.

We have nothing to give but the Gospel. Were we to attempt to give our civilization, our educational advantages, our manner of life, our motives might be questioned. But that is not the ministry or message of the missionary who is an evangelical believer.

He does have something very precious. It will not harm any good thing the recipient already has. Rather, it will enhance his whole life.

Our duty as evangelical believers is to concentrate on the delivery and distribution of the Gospel. The great apostle said, "This one thing I do." Let's imitate him and make that one thing the presentation of the Gospel. ▼

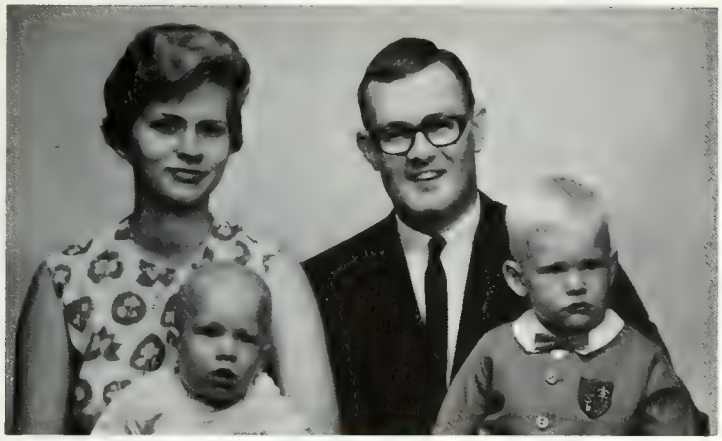
NOTICE

The Ohio and California corporations of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 1966, at 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. in the Winona Lake Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana. All corporation members are eligible to vote and are urged to attend.

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The Wallaces



The Kennedys



The Millers

Three Missionary Families Tell Their Stories

EYES TOWARD THE FIELD



Eddie and Eileen

Brazil-Bound Again

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. . . ." As we contemplate returning to the field of Brazil once again, this promise of our Saviour to His disciples comes as a reassurance that this work is not our own, but His. To realize that Christ uses us in all our weakness to be "witnesses" for Him to lead some from darkness into everlasting light is certainly humbling.

Some years ago God called us to serve in Brazil. As I look back through the years I am still amazed how "all things work[ed] together" in preparing and then opening the doors for our service in that land. God has been faithful through these years. There have been victories and defeats, but through it all I have seen the hand of God leading. Someone has said that "God has to do a work *in* the missionary before He can do a work *through* the missionary."

As we look forward to returning to our field of service, my prayer is that this will be true in my own life. Truly we can say with the apostle Paul, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Pray for us that our ministry might be fruitful in Brazil.

—Eddie Miller

We are happy the Lord is leading us back to our chosen field of Brazil. It is indeed a privilege to serve Him on the foreign field. We have been home in the States for four years and ties would still hold us here, but our only desire is to work for Him and to be where He would have us be.

Although we cannot know the time our Heavenly Father has chosen for our Saviour's return for His church, we feel that it cannot be long now. We want to be busy about the great commission He has given us, for the fields are "white unto harvest." We covet your prayers as we go again with the message of salvation to this needy land, that we may be empty of self and filled with the Spirit, that we may see souls won for His glory. We want to show forth God's love to these people that they may also call Him Father and Lord.

We can gratefully say that God has never failed us. He has always remained faithful to us in every aspect. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! . . . For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever" (Rom. 11:33-36).

—Eileen Miller

FMS editor's note: According to present plans, the Millers and their two sons will sail from Los Angeles on August 17 aboard a Japanese ship, the Sakura Maru, *bound for Belem.)*

. . . Africa and Mixed Emotions

"Stablish thy word unto thy servant[s]." It is with mixed emotions that we look forward to going back to Africa. But regardless of all the frailties of the flesh, we have taken as our comfort, challenge, and confidence the prayer of the Psalmist in Psalm 119:133: "Order my steps in thy word."

Our Lord will order our steps in every problem and difficulty concerning our return to the field. In all the family separations and traveling chores He will give grace and strength. This truth is our comfort and joy.

Our Lord will order our steps in the challenge of preparing pastoral helps and aids for the churches in Africa. Our work will be the preparation of refresher courses for pastors and preparation of literature, especially pastoral helps. This is a vast need, and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the Lord's guidance in helping to fill this need.

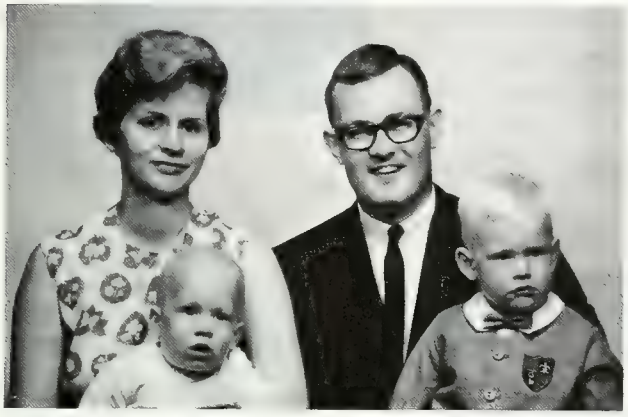
We have confidence that the Lord will make fruitful these next four years in the field of preparing pastoral literature. As we know of your prayers and continual

support of foreign missions, our confidence is increased to attempt great projects for the Lord. A number of these literature projects are large but needful for the growth of the African Brethren church. Many of these works will take long hours at the desk, translating, and proofreading before they can be made available to the pastors and churches. But with Jeremiah we say, "Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart" (Jer. 15:16); therefore, we ask you, will you help us and the Foreign Missionary Society to supply this need for the African Brethren church? Thank you, and may God bless you accordingly. —Lester and Lois Kennedy

(FMS editor's note: The Kennedys and three of their five children are scheduled to sail from New York City aboard the SS United States *on July 15. From Paris they will fly to Bangui, with arrival due on July 23.)*



Lois and Lester



Judy, "Duke," and Children

Needed: Support

"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation" (Rom. 15:20).

Although God was speaking to George ("Duke") Wallace through various means that one summer, it was this verse which finally settled things for him. He knew then that God wanted him on the mission field. But what field? This then became the concern of his heart. Slowly God revealed His answer. After Duke became Brethren, he was drawn to the work in Brazil because of his love for water, islands, and everything associated with those things. And in this way God made it known that Brazil would be the field for this child of His.

It was one of the summers while he was working at Jack Wyrtzen's Word of Life camp that Duke made his commitment to foreign mission service. Also working at the camp that summer was a young lady named Judy, and that summer she, too, surrendered her life to the Lord for service on the foreign field. Later Judy became Mrs. Duke Wallace.

Pennsylvania was Mr. Wallace's birthplace. He took his first two years of college work in Gettysburg College and the last two in Eastern Baptist College, where he graduated with a B.A. The Lord led him to Grace Theological Seminary and, subsequently, to affiliation with The Brethren Church. In 1964 he graduated and, upon the recommendation of the FMS Board of Trustees that he gain some pastoral experience, he became pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church of North English, Iowa, where he is still serving.

Mrs. Wallace was born in Detroit, Michigan, and spent a year in Taylor University and a year in Moody Bible Institute before her marriage. There are two small sons in the Wallace family—Gregor, two and a half, and Kevin, who will be a year old in August.

Multiplied opportunities are open to the Brethren gospel testimony in Brazil. But only a very limited missionary force is on hand to claim them. Therefore, the missionary personnel presently in Brazil have eager anticipation in the contemplation of additional recruits to help accomplish the job which is before them. The recruits themselves rejoice in moving forward in God's call and plan for their lives.

You, too, can rejoice in the privilege of aiding in the accomplishment of all this, for as Brethren people respond to the recommended dollar-per-member for the outfit funds of outgoing recruits, this will be one hurdle cared for in the process of their going. Local churches are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for this need.

Another requirement upon which the Wallaces' departure will be contingent is the matter of total support being underwritten for the family.

Further detailed information regarding the needs of the Wallace family may be obtained by contacting the Foreign Missionary Society office in Winona Lake, Indiana. ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Prize Winner . . .



When the Missionary Helpers of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., made missionary autograph books, an award was given for the best cover. The winner was Mark Spitzer. Congratulations, Mark!

Mrs. W. A. Ogden, the pastor's wife, says that the MH'ers enjoy the missionary stories by Aunt Alys. Each Wednesday night the children pray for the missionaries on our seven fields. They can name the fields, and they are learning to "locate" the missionaries.

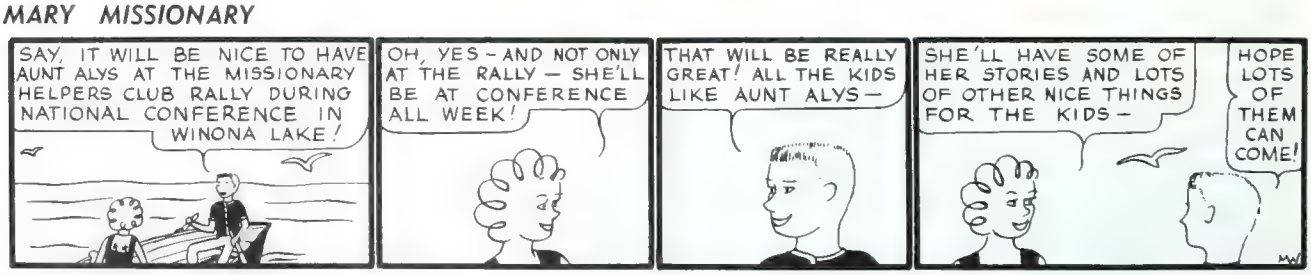
Keep up the good work, Washington MH'ers!



The Haag Family

MH'ers will be interested in seeing this picture of Aunt Alys and her family in front of their home at San Ysidro, California, right near the Mexican border. Aunt Alys's husband, Rev. Walter Haag, is at the back along with son Doug, who is 17. Aunt Alys is standing between Sandra, 13, and Sharon, 18, who just graduated from high school and will enter Biola College in the fall.

MARY MISSIONARY



Up-to-Date On FMS Office Staff

Over the years the Lord has faithfully supplied the right ones at the time of need to care for the innumerable home-office details behind the scenes in foreign missions. These workers have often given up more highly-paid secular positions in order to serve the Lord in this way.

On December 1, 1965, Miss Georgia Eikenberry was added to the staff as assistant financial secretary. Because of the steady increase in the work of the financial office, it was necessary to find someone to relieve financial secretary Kenneth Moeller of some of the burden. Miss Eikenberry, a native Hoosier, was formerly employed in Fort Wayne, and is a member of the First Brethren Church there.

Mrs. Della Nagel came into the FMS employ on January 1, 1966. She serves with Brother Edward Bowman in the time-consuming jobs of caring for supplies, mailing, and such things. Mrs. Nagel has been a resident of Winona Lake for several years, having come from her native Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, Indiana.

Mrs. Norma Shaull, who worked in the office as an assistant office secretary for more than five years, concluded her work on February 1, 1966. Her faithful service in this work of the Lord was deeply appreciated through the years, and God's richest blessings are prayed for Norma, her husband Roger, and little Philip Anthony, born on March 3.

Serving as receptionist and assistant office secretary, Miss Dora Williams took over her duties in mid-May, replacing Mrs. Helen Willett, who served very efficiently through the past school year. Miss Williams is from Grafton, West Virginia, a member of the First Brethren Church there, and for the past several years was employed in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Rev. John W. Zielasko has taken up his new duties as administrative assistant. After completing three terms of missionary service in Brazil, the Zielaskos returned to the United States in August, 1965, for furlough. In their annual meeting that same month, the board of trustees called Brother Zielasko to this new position. He has, however, spent most of the months since that time in the regular deputation program of a missionary on furlough. The Zielasko family, including the four children, have moved to Winona Lake and are now situated in their own home at 114 15th Street.

As of January 1, 1967, with the retirement of Dr. Russell D. Barnard, his position of general secretary will be discontinued and two new offices created, those of home secretary and foreign secretary, these to be filled by Brother Clyde K. Landrum and Brother Zielasko, respectively.

Other staff members, beside those mentioned, are Miss Linda Beach, secretary to the financial secretary, and Mrs. Marcia Wardell, office secretary. ▼

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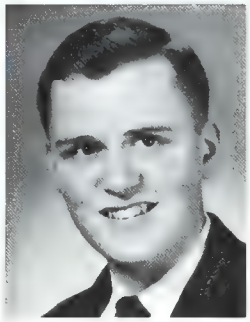
TEENS INTO MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR



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Field: Cuba, New Mexico

T.I.M.E.
IS THE SUMMER MISSIONARY PROGRAM OF THE
BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL
These 11 missionaries covet your faithful prayers

Are the heathen really lost without Christ? Or have we tricked our missionaries into spending their lives for nothing?

In order to attempt to solve this problem, let us ask ourselves several direct questions about the heathen who have never heard of Christ.

What Do We Mean, "Lost?"

In the Scripture there can be no doubt that anyone who has sinned by nature and practice has come short of God's standard and is alienated from God. As long as a wall stands between God and the individual he is considered "lost" and in need of reconciliation. The Bible says that this is true of all people (Rom. 3:23, etc.). Hence, if he is not saved, he is lost.

Are Not the Heathen Ignorant and Therefore Innocent?

With the possible exception of Adam and Eve before the Fall the Bible never treats any people or race as neutral or innocent. Everyone is a sinner by birth because he comes from Adam, and everyone who is capable of reasoning is an active sinner (Jer. 17:9; 13:23).

Can the Heathen Be Lost if They Have Never Rejected Christ?

An individual does not "become lost" when he rejects Jesus Christ. He was lost even before he heard of Christ. He was lost because he was a sinner. Jesus said He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). The people to whom he referred were lost before He came to earth because of their sin, not because of Him. It may be true that rejecting Jesus Christ is the final condemning feature, but a man is lost because he is a sinner.

If a Heathen Does the Best He Can, Is This Not Enough Since He Has Never Had the Full Revelation of Christ?

When Christ came, even the devout Jew who was doing his best to follow what God had told him had to accept Christ as Saviour (Acts 18, 19). After the resurrection of Christ the very best of people had to become Christians. The best has never been good enough in the Bible.

These first four points attempt to understand the present position of the heathen and realize that none of his qualifications make him eligible to be anything but lost. Let us now consider some specific objections as to why a heathen in the lost condition just described could not possibly enter heaven in his present state.

There Is No Salvation Without the New Birth

The Bible and Christ state emphatically that absolutely no one will ever enter heaven without experiencing the new birth on earth (with the possible exception of the unaccountable child and those who died before Christ). More specifically than this, the Bible insists that salvation can come only by the name of Jesus

ARE THE HEATHEN REALLY LOST?

By William L. Coleman

Christ. We may not like the idea of the heathen going to hell; yet where else can they go? Without the name of Christ they cannot qualify for heaven (John 3:3; 14:6; Acts 4:12; I John 5:11, 12).

If the Heathen are Not Lost, Then It Would Be Better that Christ Had Not Come

For many people who do the best they can, the Bible says that the Cross is a stumbling block. If Christ had not come, these people would not have rejected Him, would have continued to do good, and they would have been saved. If the heathen are not lost, the commission for us to go as missionaries is wrong since news of Christ will condemn those who reject Him. If the heathen were not lost but when they heard of Christ they became lost, then Christ did injury to them.

God Says that He Has Demonstrated His Grace to All Men

The Bible says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). God has demonstrated the reality of himself through nature, and every man is supposed to follow that testimony. It may be assumed that God will send word of His Son to those who obey the light given. However, it is likely that *very few* could possibly follow that light (Rom. 3:10-12). Since God has demonstrated His grace, the heathen are without excuse (Rom. 1:20). All have some concept of Deity; they have perverted that revelation.

The Heathen Have Intentionally Rejected the Grace of God

Not only have they refused it (Rom. 1:18), but they take pleasure in their rejection (Rom. 1:32). The attitude of Scripture indicates that they quite joyfully embrace the sin which is their heritage.

God Is Not Obligated To Give Anyone the Opportunity To Be Saved

If six people are sentenced to be executed and the governor pardons one of them, then the one has experienced grace while the five experience justice. God went further; He extended His grace to *all* and now merely asks them to accept it. Let us not limit God to our code of ethics.

Conclusion

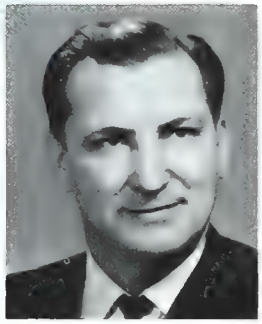
All men are basically lost and bound for a Christless eternity. God is not obligated to save anyone. By His own grace He sent His Son. *Only* those who believe and call upon the Son are saved. It may be assumed that God will send news of His Son to anyone who honestly desires to know the true God. Our obligation is to be witnesses to all the people to whom God will direct us; knowing that we are obedient and that God is holy, we leave the results in His hands. ▼

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



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Moderator



Rev. Dean Fetterhoff
Vice-moderator



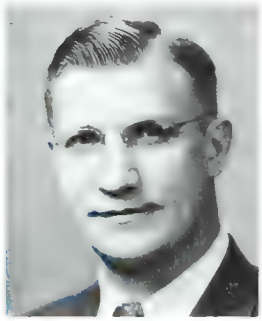
DR. DAVID ALLEN

Evening Bible Hour Speaker

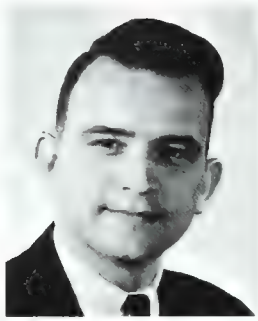
Dr. Allen was born in Liverpool, England. After coming to America, he entered the business world. Soon after his conversion and call to the ministry, he entered Philadelphia College of Bible and graduated in 1937.

He is currently pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hazel Park, Michigan. Average Sunday school attendance is nearly 2,000.

Rev. Bill Smith, Director of Evangelism, states: "This man of God, with his vast knowledge and memorization of the Scriptures, will thrill and bless your life."



Dr. Bernard Schneider



Rev. Paul Fink



Rev. Harold Penrose

EME: *"As for Me and My House"* JOSHUA 24:15

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
Missionary Day of Prayer
(Foreign and Home Missions)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
Sunday School Convention

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
7:30 a.m.—Pastor's and Superintendent's Breakfast
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School Convention
7:45 p.m.—Opening session of conference—Vice-moderator's address: "As for Me and My House." Rev. Dean Fetterhoff
9:00 p.m.—Brethren Chaplains, Rev. C. Landrum

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time WMC, Brethren Ministerium, Laymen
9:30 a.m.—Foreign Missions corporation meeting
10:15 a.m.—Moderator's address: "The State of the Church." Rev. Richard Grant
11:00 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Foreign Missions
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Special Foreign Missions feature

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Home Missions corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Dr. Bernard Schneider. Subject: "The Discipline of the Christian Home."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Home Missions
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—1966 highlights in Home Missions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18
8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Grace Schools corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. Harold Penrose. Subject: "The Influence of the Christian Home on the Community."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Grace Schools
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Dedication of Men's Residence Hall and Open House

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Missionary Herald Co. corporation meeting
10:45 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. Paul Fink. Subject: "Training in the Christian Home for Christian Service."
11:30 a.m.—Business meeting
2:30 p.m.—Missions forum
7:00 p.m.—Challenge hour—Board of Evangelism
7:45 p.m.—Inspirational hour—Dr. David Allen
9:00 p.m.—Holy Land Slides—Dr. James Boyer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
8:00 a.m.—Auxiliary Meetings and Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.—Bible hour—Rev. John Zielasko. Subject: "The Unique Virtues of the Christian Home."
10:45 a.m.—Final business meeting
3:00 p.m.—Missionary Helpers' Club rally
7:00 p.m.—Youth challenge hour and NAC finals

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school (missions emphasis)
10:45 a.m.—Worship service—Dr. Russell Barnard, speaker
2:30 p.m.—All missions rally
7:00 p.m.—Special missionary feature

The Message of the Letter "M"



By Mrs. Thomas Hammers
National WMC President

Have you ever stopped to think how vitally important each letter of the alphabet is? Everything we write and every word we speak is made possible because of these 26 letters. Take for instance the letter "M." This letter is the very center of our alphabet. It is found in some of the dearest and most expressive words in the English language, such as mother, home, family, grandmother, music, memories, meditation, promise, mercy, redemption, communion, commission, and commitment. If these words were taken from us, what would we have in life?

Life would be very lonely without a *home* with *Mother* in it, without a *family* and *grandmother*. The days would be very dull with no *music* or *memories*, no time for *meditation*, no *promise* to keep, no *mercy* to share. And life would be hopeless indeed without *redemption* by Christ, *communion* with Christ, a *commission* from Christ, and *commitment* to Christ.

Yes, this is all true; but for the WMC woman the letter "M" has another important meaning. Not only is "M" the very center of our alphabet, but it is also the center of our WMC emblem. For us "M" equals "missionary"—Women's Missionary Council. Perhaps this is only a word to some, but to every woman in WMC it should be a calling from Christ, a daily way of life. The word "missionary" here does not mean someone else on duty for Christ. It means you and me personally commissioned and committed to Christ for missionary service.

Too often we think of missionaries only in the area of foreign missions and fail to recognize the truth that every child of God is called to be a missionary. Charles Erdman once wrote, "Redemption secures sanctification, and results in service." Even so God calls a vast number of us into service in the mission field of our own homes to our own families. There is no greater work for us to do for God than to surrender our babes to Him even before birth, to teach them God's Word from infancy, to lead them to Christ in childhood, to train them for service as they mature, and to encourage them by every possible means to surrender their lives for full-time service in their youth.

The world is capturing many of the young people from our Christian homes who might have devoted their lives to service for Christ. God's heart must be heavy with grief over the loss of these whom He desired to commission for missionary service at home or abroad. Even though there are many, many detrimental influences outside the Christian home, we Christian mothers are the ones who lay the foundation for the first faith of our children.

The Scriptures speak of Ahaziah, who walked in the way of his mother, who was his counselor or to do wickedly; but they also call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that was in Timothy, which dwelt first in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Their faithfulness to God's Word not only kept Timothy true to his faith but also gave him a firm foundation upon which his life for Christ in missionary service was established. Paul loved him dearly as his own son and committed to him many difficult tasks because of his complete confidence in him.

Our churches are full of young Timothys and their sisters whom God needs in some special place of service. These young people have mothers and grandmothers who are or who could be like Lois and Eunice to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If you have no children at home, perhaps God wants you to be a missionary to some of these mothers and grandmothers to bring them to Christ so they can teach their own children also.

Whatever God wants us to do as missionaries must begin with us personally in our own home, with our own Bible and our own time of prayer and meditation. From that central point, if we are committed to God's call, the scope of our missionary influence will spread from ourselves to our family, our church, our community, our country, and into all the world. God can do this for each of us with our lives, our prayers, and our gifts.

To the disciples Christ said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." This is His commission to each of us. This is what He would have each of us willing to say to our children: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." May we show by our lives the full meaning of the word *"missionary"* in WMC. ▼

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WOODLAND PATHS



By Mrs. Helen Smith

I love to walk along a woodland path in spring. The leaves underfoot don't rustle and swish anymore. They are soft and pliable now, food for the new growing things. All around are new green shoots poking out of the dark earth, promising all manner of surprises! Soon there will be red and white trillium, yellow adder tongue and violets, and the little brown blossoms of the wild ginger. There are no color barriers here in God's garden! Here are trees and shrubs whose buds are beginning to swell with the promise of new leaves and flowers. Here will be something that no one has ever seen before. The old ones lies at our feet still working for God. They are food for the plants and trees of the forest, yes; but more than that, they are a soft bed for the animals, a hiding place for the bugs, and will help to make nests for the birds. They remind me of the completely yielded life of a Christian, pliable to God's will, used of Him to nurture other Christians and to help bring new life to others through the saving knowledge of His grace.

The slanting rays of the sun make a striped pattern along the path as the bare-branched trees cast shadows, but soon the pattern will change to polka dots as the leaves appear. Notice the places where the sun shines on the ground. See the many sprouting things? The earth is happier here and the activity begins sooner than in the cooler, darker places. "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

I love to walk along the woodland path in spring. It is so quiet here one can almost hear the "growing." It's a soft sound, for the birds have not yet begun the steady search for food and building materials, the constant chirpings and full-throated singing, and the arguing and raucous screaming.

Hark! Do you hear what I hear? Peepers! It is indeed these little frog harbingers of an Ohio spring! The sound always thrills me, for I am immediately transported back to my childhood. I am standing in the farmyard with my beloved grandfather, with whom I spent my summers, and he is telling me about the sights and sounds. I wish everyone could have a grandfather to explain things and share quiet times. But everyone can have a Heavenly Father who shares even more wonderful and exciting things through His Word, our Bible—"things which thou hast seen, and . . . things which are, and . . . things which shall be hereafter" (Rev. 1: 19).

I love to walk along a woodland path in spring. Suddenly I come to an open meadow that slopes down to a lake. The ground is all spongy as I go down to the shore and seat myself on a flat rock. My mind goes wandering back to the Sea of Galilee, and I see a boat with men in it. I notice One walking on the water toward the boat. Out of the boat comes one of the men, walking toward Jesus . . . watch out, he's sinking! He took his eyes off the Lord for a moment. But a strong hand goes forth and propels Peter back into the boat, saved. Aren't you glad that you are not lost every time you take your eyes off the Lord?

Spring and storms are synonymous. The roll of distant thunder and the pattering of raindrops bring me back to reality and I dash for the shelter of the forest and an overhang of rock I had passed on the trail. "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," the words I learned so long ago in childhood, ring in my ears.

As I glance out at the lake I can see the rippling and sloshing on the shore as the wind blows harder. There is a brilliant flash of lightning followed by a giant crash and a rumble of thunder. My mind turns to another storm, and I see a boat with frantic seamen battling the wild waves. In the boat a sleeping man lies quiet and composed. A seaman's cry is heard above the storm: "Master, wake up! Save us—we perish!" The quiet form rises, looks at each frightened man and then at the violent sea, and as another mighty gust of wind pushes at them, He calls for peace and quiet. Immediately the sea is still, for "even the winds and the sea obey him" (Matt. 8:27). Why shouldn't they? He made them. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1, 3).

Yes, I love to walk along a woodland path in the spring. My foot kicks a stone, and as it turns over, some little black bugs go scurrying for the darkness of another stone. They just don't like the light. I think of so many people who could have the "Light of the world" just for the taking (John 8:12), but they prefer the darkness of night, of unbelief.

I look again at the sunlit path before me, and as I near the end of the woodland trail I turn around and look back. Standing there quietly, I sense anew that the forest is like our lives. Here are sunshine, shadow, birth, death, mystery, promise, health, disease, malformation, strength, and protection; but above all, the unmistakable ownership of God is manifest. Truly "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24: 1). "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard" (Ps. 19:1-3).

And as surely as spring has come to the woodland, God's precious Son, the Lord Jesus, is coming again to take His own to be with Him forever and ever, because "he is faithful that promised" (Heb. 10:23). ▼

HIS GRACE SUFFICIENT

By Mrs. Gordon Bracker

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor. 12:9).

During the past year the Lord has permitted us to experience His goodness, grace and comfort in sickness and sorrow in a measure we had never before known. In that awesome moment when word came that there had been a fatal accident we knelt in anguished prayer, and one of the first verses that flooded our minds was that God is good and that all things work together for good to them that love Him (Rom. 8:28).

We Know . . .

that it was good for our son, Ben, for he went immediately into the presence of the Lord. How precious was the remembrance that he had come forward to dedicate his life to the Lord in our Sunday morning service less than 48 hours before! And strange mystery though it be, we are learning day by day that it is good for us, too. For in the eternal greatness of our Father's love, this is one of the "all things" that work together for good. "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee" (Ps. 31:19).

Likewise, in a series of family illnesses and disappointments in the past year . . .

We Know . . .

that God is fully trustworthy. Though at times we wondered (if we had only done thus and so, things might have been different), yet we know that above each "if" stands One who is the Eternal God. He sees the end from the beginning and charts the course and leads the way. His purposes are sure, His will absolute, His foreknowledge supreme. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (Rom. 11:33).

We Know . . .

afresh how wonderful it is to have Christian friends who pray and stand close by to help in many ways. We shall never be able to thank adequately everyone who was so wonderful to us. We cherish every expression of love and kindness that has been shown to us. Paul knew about this, too, and said, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3).

We Know . . .

now that in the times of deepest stress the things we have believed since trusting Christ as Saviour stand sure. The inspired, holy Word of God without error has been a solid foundation. We have had no doubts concerning God and Christ, His blessed Son, our Saviour. We stood with others in times like these and read to them the Word of God and prayed. Now these same truths have held us up. "My grace is sufficient. . . . I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. . . . I will send a Comforter, even the Spirit of truth. . . ." God seemed not far away, but near.

"One day at a time," wrote Annie Johnson Flint, and we have learned she is right.

"One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own." ▼

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God's Pay

Who does God's work will get God's pay,
However long may seem the day,
However weary be the way;
Though powers and princes thunder
"Nay,"
Who does God's work will get God's pay.

He does not pay as others pay,
In gold or land or raiment gay,
In goods that vanish and decay;
But God in wisdom knows a way,
And that is sure, let come what may;
Who does God's work will get God's pay.

—*Selected*

"IF I HAD THE
WISDOM OF SOLOMON,
meekness of Moses,
patience of Job,
faith of Abraham,
strength of Sampson,
purity of Joseph,
tears of Jeremiah
devotion of David
voice of Elijah,
courage of Daniel,
zeal of Peter,
and the endurance of Paul,

I would STILL need the salvation that is to be found only in the Lord Jesus Christ."

WMC Mail Gleanings



Miss Alberta Hanson, Southern California-Arizona District WMC president, and Mrs. George Peek, pastor's wife at North Long Beach Brethren Church, view another missionary project poster.



Mrs. Jackie Flory, new district secretary, votes for three!



Dr. Glenn O'Neal and Rev. Douglas Bray vote too!



The president's luncheon.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT WMC RALLY

The Southern California-Arizona District WMC Rally was held at the North Long Beach Brethren Church during the May district conference. A camera was flashing most of the time while the men and women were in action, voting for the best WMC project poster in the art gallery. Three prizewinners won books for their libraries: Anaheim, Whittier First, and San Diego. The runners-up were Norwalk, Los Altos, and Gardena.

The all-day program theme was "Missionary Proofs," with large, framed silhouettes of our mission fields. The program went like this:

Load the camera . . . Songs and praise
Retouching . . . Prayer time
Framing . . . Credential Report
Silhouettes . . . Nominating Committee
Snapshots . . . Announcements and business
Focus . . . Missions around the world . . . Mrs. Mercado
Enlargements . . . Lunch time
Developing . . . Afternoon songs and praises
Stills . . . Credential report
Mounting . . . Installation of officers
Proofs . . . Presentation of projects
Print . . . Word picture of Navajoland . . . V. McClellan

This was not a frame-up but real "proofs" of what our WMC district is doing for missions.

—Alberta Hanson, president

WMC General and Publication Offering

June--July--August

Are You a Church Tramp?

By Ruth D. Waymire

Englewood, Ohio

At some time in the past a tramp may have come to your door. He may have been poorly dressed or comfortably clad. He may have been able to buy a more elaborate meal than you would give him, but he took what you handed out, thanked you, either politely or gruffly, and moved on.

Involuntarily you felt a wave of pity as you closed your door and went back to your own table. He had no home. A feeling of thankfulness and well-being filled your heart. This was your home; you may have worked hard to prepare the meal, but it was worth it, especially if those you loved were there to share it with you and to show their appreciation and love.

Several people with whom I have talked recently have told me they are church tramps. They go from church to church as their fancy pleases. If they like the service or the pastor, they may go back, but they do not have their membership in any church. In years past they may have been active in a church in various capacities, but now they are tired. They want no responsibility of contributing anything to the service.

Such an attitude is an unnatural one. We do not give up our homes as we grow older. We may cut down on our activities, but as the years come and go we become increasingly fond of our homes. They become a sort of haven; we like to visit with our friends, but we come home with thankfulness. The familiar things are dear to us.

Then, too, we feel we are needed here. We like to think that those around us couldn't get along without us, and words of appreciation are very gratifying. Why should we lose that close bond of fellowship in the church of our choice, and go out to worship in a strange place every Sunday? I know it is possible to worship God anywhere. Those who play golf tell us that, but I have yet to see a golfer kneeling in prayer or reading his Bible on the green.

I want a church home: a place where I can fellowship with familiar faces every Sunday; a place where I can contribute something, however small, in the way of service for my Lord; a place where every desire of the human heart can be satisfied; a place where I am needed, loved and appreciated.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). ▼

LOCAL COUNCILS REPORT

AKRON, OHIO (First Brethren Jr. WMC). "Variety is the spice of life"; our Junior WMC ladies are proving this. Our members serve either as teachers, officers, patronesses, or choir members, in addition to "keeping the home fires burning."

We're stressing the invaluable information found in the Pen Pointers by having regular quizzes. Our main project, the church nursery, is thriving because of TLC (tender, loving care). May God continue to bless us spiritually as well as numerically.

Mrs. Sandra Lee

FREMONT, OHIO. Recent projects of the Grace Brethren Church WMC include: formica top in kitchen, bracelets for SMM girls, new hymnals for Puerto Rico ($45), monthly support of a Navajo child ($10), and TV stamps for Grace College.

Mrs. Laura Murray, assistant secretary

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Africa—

Miss Rosella Cochran September 1
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Snyder September 8
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Deborah Ruth Johnson September 14, 1962
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. George E. Cone September 23
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Richard Paul Kennedy September 30, 1959
M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Marilyn Anne Austin September 5, 1960
Ayacucho 592, Beccar, Prov. B.A., Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Loree Sickel September 10
Quintana 353, Adrogue, F.C.G.R., Bs. As., Argentina, S. A.

Miss Bertha Abel September 12
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Mark Steven Schrock September 12, 1953
Calle 10, No. 90, B.P.V. Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Lynn Schrock September 23
Calle 10, No. 90, B.P.V. Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Mrs. Randall E. Maycumber September 7
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Becky Jean Julien September 28, 1956
Chateau de St. Albain, par Fleurville (S & L), France

Mexico—

Mrs. Walter Haag September 11
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Sandra Rebecca Haag September 16, 1952
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073



SMM NEWS

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. The Junior SMM has had a good year, both spiritually and socially. They have seen definite growth in some of the girls, and this more than covers the discouragements. For their assigned work projects the girls made 99 wordless books for Argentina. They all embroidered blocks for a quilt to be put in the missionary chest. They also had a contest, with points for all goals, which ended in May. Several girls were close to winning; Brenda Sharp won first prize and Becky Seymour won second.

The Middler SMM girls have completed two group goals. The first goal was completed in December when they planned a carol sing for their youth group, and gave door decorations to various families in the community. They completed their second goal as a group when they met to make baby blankets for the Navajo Indians. During this year the girls have received many blessings, both as a group and personally, through the completion of their goals.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Middler SMM of Woodville has been rather busy this year. During their September meeting the officers for the coming year were installed, and a Halloween party occurred at the October meeting. In November they had an SMM sing. They all enjoyed a gift exchange in December, but they also brought another gift exactly the same for the missionary chest. Even though it wasn't one of their goals, the girls enjoyed going to Woodlawn Nursing Home, where they sang and passed out treats. March was one of their highlights. The girls gave a baby shower to one of their patronesses, Mrs. Spencer Goard. Another time they made baby articles for the children in the Southwest.

SUMMIT MILLS, PA. The Senior SMM is busily completing its goals. For one work project the girls met at the home of their patroness to make slippers out of washcloths. These were sent to Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman in Puerto Rico. Now the girls are working to help the Senior WMC ladies refill the missionary chest for the coming missionary conference. Studying the doctrines of The Brethren Church has become quite interesting to the girls. At each meeting questions from the booklet "Bible Truths" are asked the girls. It is a real challenge to see which girl can give the correct answer first.

RIALTO, CALIF. The Senior SMM had a slave day and hired themselves out to members of the

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PATRONESS CORNER

We shall be using the same work project sheets this coming year for the Martha Goal number one. Just pick something different from the list. If you need a new work project sheet, send a request to National SMM, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

District patronesses, please send your *district* statistical blanks by July 15 to the national secretary, Miss Pat Armentrout, c/o Rev. Warren Tamkin, 401 East Lemon Street, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022.

Want to pick up your SMM orders during national conference? If so, please send your order with payment and name of person picking up the order before August 10 to National SMM, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Your order may then be picked up during the afternoons of national conference at the National Sunday School office. Unless you state on the order blank the name of the person picking up the order, your order will be sent through the mail.

Any local patroness who did not receive a statistical blank should send to National SMM immediately for one.



Back row, left to right: Esther Olivas, Middler-Senior patroness; Linda Edmiston and Sandra Haag, Seniors; Sharon Haag, Middler; and Alys Haag, Junior-Little Sister patroness. Front row, left to right: Jere Ann Abbott, Lorraine Edmiston, Maria Garcia, and Karen Smith. Edna Olivas was unable to be present for the picture.

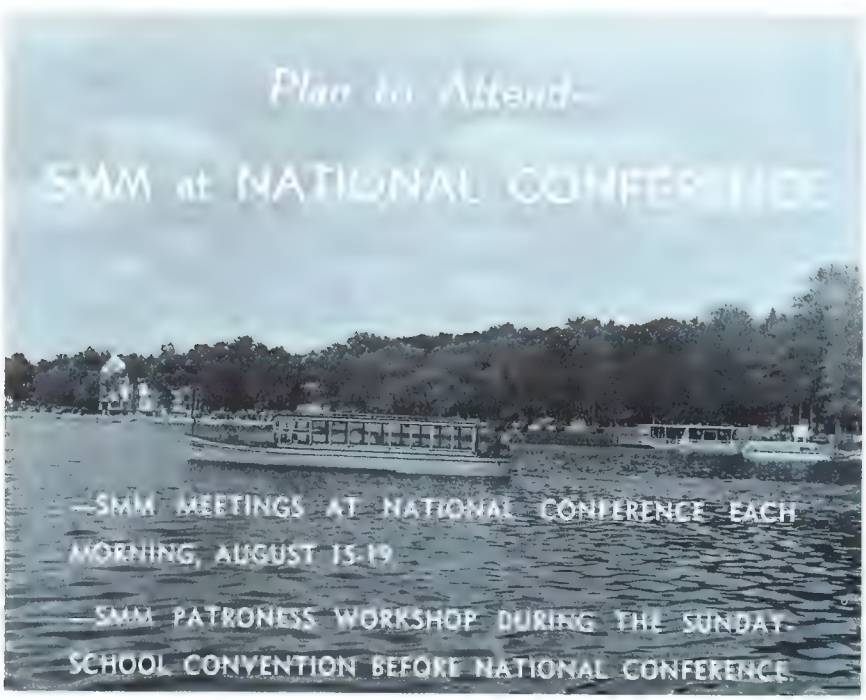
A New SMM Is Formed

We are happy to present the newly-formed Sisterhood of San Ysidro, California. Eight girls have passed their membership requirements and are working on completing this year's goals. This breaks down into three Little Sisters, one Junior, two Middlers and two Seniors.

Because of their excellent materials and the efficient direction of their vice president-program chairman, Linda Edmiston, the girls are experiencing real spiritual growth. There is a oneness that produces an eagerness to learn and a willingness to help.

They have cross-stitched green and white gingham skirts with various hemline designs to designate rank. The Little Sisters, the Juniors, and their patronesses wear ties. The Middler and Senior patroness has a complete green and white gingham dress.

—Sandra Haag, Secretary



Sisterhood Dividends

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed. . . . And let her own works praise her in the gates" (Prov. 31:28, 31).

Prior to the inception of a Women's Missionary Council at the First Brethren Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, there existed only a Sisterhood group. Therefore, when the girls married they continued in the organization. Mrs. Stenson Edenfield (Ruth Gail) was such a member, having served as president and secretary. While she was an SMM member, a daughter was born to her whom she named Penelope Rachel, known to us as Penny Rae. There was no Sisterhood for Penny's age group but she attended with her mother until the age of 13 years, when she became a senior member. Penny served as president and secretary of this senior group. She was president of the Allegheny District SMM for two years and then was elected president of the National SMM, serving for two years there as well. Penny is now Mrs. Richard Browning, residing in Rialto, California. Does the story end here? No, no! She is president of the WMC and also serves as a patroness for SMM. Penny was born in SMM, served SMM, and now in WMC is a "mother" to SMM.

Mrs. Edenfield has another daughter, Pamela Jane, who is a member of SMM. She was treasurer of the local junior group for five years. She has been secretary of the Allegheny District SMM, having served two years, and at the present time is assistant secretary. In September, 1964, a Middler SMM was organized in the local church, and Pamela was elected its first president. She is now secretary.

Mrs. Edenfield, a faithful member of the Junior WMC, has served in many offices, local and district, and is serving currently as local treasurer and as patroness of the Junior SMM.

Now I ask you, does Sisterhood pay? Judge for yourself! ▼

By Mrs. Donald Cale
President, Allegheny District WMC



By Janice Wilson

(Editor's note: Janice Wilson is a seventh-grade pupil in the Brethren Elementary and Junior High School, sponsored by the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, California. She has won several awards for her original compositions.)

My Christian-American Heritage

What daring adventures and hardships the Pilgrims must have gone through while striving to gain their most longed-for privilege—freedom. Their thankfulness was beyond measure as they knelt and thanked God for His mercy, guidance, and care. This is the heritage they left to me—and to you.

With the apostle Paul we can say, "I was freeborn." We do not have to go through the many trials for our freedom our forefathers did. Therefore, how much *more* thankful *we* should be.

However, we are left with a tremendous responsibility to *keep* America free. The movement toward a one-world government and a one-world church is growing rapidly. Our responsibilities are in our homes, our churches, and our Christian education. I believe we must start in the home. The habits we form, what we do, say, and think, and how we act, will determine what we will be like when we get out into the world. The socialistic people these days are not going to care one thing about you as an individual. The world's economic and educational system is striving to gain the young mind. That is why we must get our Christian education and spiritual knowledge before it is too late.

There is but one thing that can help us, and that is prayer. God knows this world's system and the leaders that are put up and taken down, whether they be good or bad. We, through our education and spiritual knowledge, will remember that it is all according to His great plan and that everything will turn out according to that plan in the end.

Many famous people in the past have tried to preserve what I hold as my heritage. Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest presidents, once said in a famous speech at the time of the emancipation, "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved, but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other. Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in belief that it is in course of ultimate extinction; or its advocates will push it forward till it has become alike lawful in all the states, old as well as new, north as well as south."

I wonder, don't you, what the Pilgrims would think if they could see the world as it is today. What would be their reaction? Is this the way they wanted their new-found freedom to turn out? They thanked God then for His mercy and guidance. I believe now, more than ever, we must *ask* God for mercy, guidance, and help in the years ahead, to *keep* this . . . our Christian-American heritage. ▼

SMM News . . .

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church for a day, to complete a district goal they were trying to reach. Some of the middler girls joined in on the work also.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. This year the middler group met every Tuesday for six weeks to make Sisterhood dresses from green and white checked material. They added white collars and placed SMM initial pins on them. They also gathered pine cones in the fall, saving them until December, when they made them into favors for the Christmas meeting of the WMC.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The Junior SMM had a wonderful year. At Christmas time during vacation they had a potluck dinner, a work day, and a Christmas exchange. They collected Christmas cards and at their work time mounted them on art paper. These were sent to their church missionary families, the Maycumbers and the George Johnsons, and also to the New Mexico work. They enjoyed a birthday party in April given by the Junior WMC.

FREMONT, OHIO. In cooperation with the junior and middler groups, the Senior SMM presented the work of SMM to the congregation at a Sunday evening service in April. In February a Valentine tea was held; the girls learned how to set up for a formal tea, prepared two types of beverage, and served tiny salads and decorated cookies. Quilt blocks were cut for the Taos, New Mexico mission. During two meetings the girls discussed teen-age problems, using several William Orr booklets for reference. During business meetings this year roll call was answered in various interesting ways and parliamentary procedure was practiced. In May the doctrines of The Brethren Church were studied.

SPOKANE, WASH. The annual Mother-Daughter dessert tea was held Friday evening, May 6. There were 48 mothers and daughters present. The daughters presented the program "Patterns for Living" for their mothers, after which a large, heart-shaped cake was given to the mother who had the most daughters present.

CHURCH NEWS

TUCSON, ARIZ. In June the Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church held a banquet in honor of their graduates. The Grace College Carolaires presented a fine program. The theme for the evening was "God's Word, Key to the Future." Thirty-two young people were present. Harold Painter, pastor.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. The Good News Brethren Church completed evangelistic services June 5 with Evangelist Ron Thompson. Average attendance was 60, and one decision for salvation was made. A guest delegation of young adults from the Grace Brethren Church of Englewood, Ohio, provided special music for the opening service May 29. Marion Thomas is pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 10. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

CLAY CITY, IND. Members of the First Brethren Church have remodeled their church auditorium; the new wallboard, paneling, and carpeting are the result of a number of generous gifts. Robert Clouse, pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. The Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church was winner in a Sunday-school contest with another local church this spring; the losers awarded them a picnic. Pastor George Wallace was in Canada May 1-6 for a mission conference at the church of a Grace Seminary graduate, Don Fitchett. He reports that there were two first-time decisions at Pleasant Grove during the month of May.

LANCASTER, PA. Pastor William Tweeddale, of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that they recently surpassed all previous records in Sunday-school attendance with a total of 361. Thursday evening, June 9, the WMC honored the wife of the pastor with "This Is Your Life—Mrs. Carol Tweeddale." On one Sunday evening in June, 17 persons were baptized, of whom 16 were received into the church membership.

GALION, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Alva Conner, of the Grace Brethren Church, have a new baby daughter. Brenda Sue, six pounds five and one-half ounces, was born June 23.

ELKHART, IND. An ordination service for Robert L. Yunker, missionary to Japan under TEAM, was held May 15 at the Grace Brethren Church, where he is a member. An unusual feature of the service was the taking of an offering to buy correspondence courses for the Yunkers to use on the field; the goal of $175 was more than reached. Rev. Fred Fogle, missionary to France, was ordination speaker, and Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., professor and vice-president at Grace Seminary, gave the questions and vows. The Yunkers left May 25 for a term of service in Japan.

"Songs of Another World" was presented June 16 at the church by the Korean Blind Quartet, from the Lighthouse School for the Blind, Inchon, Korea. With the team was Daniel Lee, one of Christian Korea's outstanding artists, who presented a chalk picture of his native land. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Dr. Harold Etling, of the national Sunday School Board, spoke at the new Grace Brethren Church June 12. On June 19 Rev. Richard Grant, of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., was speaker for the evening Bible hour.

PASADENA, CALIF. Mrs. Charles E. Fuller, wife of the noted radio evangelist, died Saturday, June 11. She would have been 80 years old on June 16. She is survived by her husband and their son, Daniel.

MARGATE, FLA. Rev. William Tweeddale, pastor from Lancaster, Pa., held a series of meetings at the Grace Brethren Church in May; there were several first-time decisions. Rev. Tweeddale also gave some suggestions as to the use of some materials from Campus Crusade, particularly "The Four Spiritual Laws." Pastor Dean Risser writes that using these materials he has led three men to Christ.

LISTIE, PA. Sunday evening speaker at the Listie Brethren Church May 8 was George Cone, missionary to Africa. Max DeArmey, pastor.

COVINGTON, VA. Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking and their four boys, missionary family to Africa, were at the Grace Brethren Church June 29 for a special missionary service. In honor of the occasion the laymen sponsored a cookout for the evening meal. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, spoke in both the morning and evening services at the Grace Brethren Church May 15. Jack Peters is pastor.

CHANGE. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Clinton, 105 W. 23rd Ave., Altoona, Pa. 16601. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Glass, 14190 Lisbon St., E., Paris, Ohio 44669. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kliewer, 3513 Lydia Lane, Modesto, Calif. 95350. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Taber, 740 Evergreen Ave., Hamden, Conn. 06518. The new secretary of the Grace Brethren Bible Church, Bothell, Wash., is Mrs. Marjorie Gunter, 5636 Keystone Pl., N., Seattle, Wash. 98103. Please change *Annual*.

LA VERNE, CALIF. The Grace College Carolaires, a singing group under the leadership of William Schaffer, presented a program at the First Brethren Church Wednesday evening, June 22. Elias White, pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The World Vision film "Viet Nam Pro-

NOTICE

The Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Friday, August 19, 1966, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium, Winona Lake, Ind. All corporation members are urged to attend.

file" was shown at the Grace Brethren Church Sunday evening, June 5. Charles Martin is pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. On June 12 Pastor Paul Dick, recently returned from the Holy Land, showed some of the slides he took on the first part of his trip.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Grace College and Seminary will be well represented at the Meyersdale Brethren Church in July; Dr. Herman Hoyt, president, will be guest speaker July 10, and on the 21st the Grace College Harmonaires will present a special program. William Snell is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Guest speaker for both regular services of the Community Grace Brethren Church June 12 was Dr. Charles A. Berry, a former Augustinian monk and Catholic priest. Dr. Berry is founder and director of Faith and Freedom Foundation, and editor of *Biblical Research Monthly*. He is well known as an author, editor, and lecturer. Gene Klingler, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A "Gay Nineties" Sunday-school picnic held by the First Brethren Church June 18 included such events as a pie-eating contest, a barber shop quartet, egg throwing, a potato race, and a three-inning baseball game between men 13 to 25 and men 26 and over, with the ladies as umpires. Wesley Hieb, track star, was present to challenge anyone to beat him in a one-mile race. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sue Tharp and Roger Good, May 26, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Sherril Hyre and Robert Wright, June 10, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Karen Hines and Sanford Leslie, June 11, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Alice Ann Meck and David Trapp, June 11, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Tecca Wilging and Erik Auxt, June 11, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Sharon Price and David Moreton, June 12, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Florence David and Danny Neesan, June 18, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Martha Sue McDaniels and Richard Dean Zook, June 18, Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.

Linda Stambaugh and Tom Tierney, June 20, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Vicki Harris and Mike Brick, June 20, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Darlene Whittington and Charles James, June 24, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Kay Forqueron and Dick Maitlen, June 25, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Gail Handly and Kenneth Cosgrove, June 25, Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

MILLER, Mrs. Rose E., 89, a member of the First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind., for over 50 years, died May 23.

Robert Clouse, pastor.

ROYER, Charles Allen, 90, died May 22. He was a loyal, active member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, for more than 45 years.

Jim Custer, pastor

EVANS, Jerry David, 33, who became a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., in 1956, died May 30. Rev. Charles Beatty officiated at the funeral services. Charles Mayes, pastor.

LATHROP, Paul D., 42, died May 30 after a prolonged illness. He was a brother-in-law of Rev. Robert Cover, missionary to Argentina, and a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Beaverton, Oreg.

William Schaffer, pastor.



WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Clyde Landrum, assistant general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was honored by the Morehead, Ky., State University Alumni Association recently at its annual banquet. He is pictured above with an outstanding alumnus award, being congratulated by alumni president Lucien Rice (left) and Morehead State University president Adrom Doran.



We are living in a day when frustration has become an international state of mind. Men fear each other. Nations are in great fear of each other. Everyone fears war. There is universal fear of the H-Bomb and other weapons developed through nuclear energy. Thus, it seems logical to human reason that the least common denominator or common purpose for all men should be a world government.

In 1945 after the Second World War, which was cut short by the use of the atomic bomb, the wisdom of men was soon crystallized into a common desire for world government. At that time, in 1945, Dr. Einstein said, "The secret of the bomb should be committed to a World Government and the United States should immediately announce its readiness to give it to a World Government. This government should be founded by the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain, the only three powers with great military strength. All three of them should commit to the World Government all of their military strength. The fact that there are only three nations with great military power should make it easier rather than harder to establish such a government."

Now that over twenty years have elapsed, the statement of Dr. Einstein seems a little unrealistic to conditions as we find them today. However, we can see that almost overnight world government has become the cry of politicians, scientists, economists, educators from kindergarten to university, and even religious leaders. Someone said, "A world government is our only hope for peace." Soon after World War II this cliche was repeated, restated and re-emphasized by all media of communication, radio, press and classroom. This viewpoint became common to the people of the "grass roots." Almost every personality in government, whether in the executive, legislative or judicial branch, became enthusiastic for world government, or because of pressures remained silent concerning his negative convictions.

Professor Harold Lasky stated the case very succinctly when he said: "Every implication of this discovery means planned internationalism, economic, social, political. Sovereignty must go; that means also that the interests which sovereignty protects must be recognized as outmoded in character."

Professor Lasky put into words the concepts which have been generally accepted since that time, that atomic energy, internationalism, economics, social and political controls, the surrender of our national sovereignty are all part of life in the post-atomic bomb era.

Dr. Arthur Compton, leader in the development of nuclear fission, and for many years head of the Department of Physics at the University of Chicago, seemed to bring to a head the sum total of human wisdom when he said, "World Government has become inevitable. The choice before us is whether this government will be agreed upon or whether we shall elect to fight a catastrophic third world war to determine who shall be master."

In 1945, after World War II, men old enough to remember the League of Nations recalled how the old league failed back in the days of Woodrow Wilson. Some men still alive at that time who had pushed for "league" then began to promote the United Nations. Concerning this move, Herbert Hoover wrote: "The United Nations' organization, except in one particular, follows very closely the pattern of Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations. The Council, dominated by the Great Powers, each with its veto, the Assembly, the Secretariat, the machinery for appeal in case of aggression, the processes of investigation, conciliation, arbitration, the economic and military sanctions—all these were better formulated in the League and with fewer words. But the admission of aggressive dictatorship to its membership would never have been accepted by Woodrow Wilson. He conceived the League as an association of free nations, not to include men and dictatorships conspiring for its ruin."

For those of us who believe God's Word, divine revelation is the authority. The Bible reveals to us that there will come a world government at the end of this age. It will be under the control of one man, a man in whom will be wrapped up all the greatness of all the human race, but it will be a godless rule. World government will come. You may read of it in Revelation, chapter 13. ▼



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Editorials

By Lester E. Pifer

The Christian and His Money

The Bible says, "The love of money is the root of all evil" (I Tim. 6:10). This phrase, often mistated and more often misinterpreted, has been a tool of Satan to cloud thinking on finances by both Christian and non-Christian. The Apostle is not here dealing with the subject of money, but with a dangerous sin—the sin of covetousness. "The *love* of money is *a* root of all evil" is a more literal translation.

God has warned against setting our affections upon the things of this world. "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). This warning was not without penalty in the parable spoken of the rich man who built his barns. The admonition follows: "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God" (Luke 12:31). "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

Basically, there is nothing wrong in the possession of wealth. Job was a wealthy man, "the greatest of all the men of the east" (Job 1:3). The Word of God also declares that he was "perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil" (Job 1:1). Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Solomon and Daniel were ancients of wealth. There is no doubt that these men were wealthy because God blessed them. They followed the rules that brought God's maximum blessing. The fear of God, the desire for God's glory, and giving of just due were the ingredients of their success in the financial realm.

God has planned a program by which His work shall have its support. The 10 per cent tithe is a decimal point set by God. Tithing is clearly taught in Abraham's and Jacob's examples in Genesis (Gen. 14:17-20; 28:22). It was continued throughout the Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament. Malachi accused the people of robbing God through failure to tithe (Mal. 3:8-10). Jesus indicated that the God-given plan was still in operation when He said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe . . . These ought ye to have done . . ." (Matt. 23:23). Paul emphatically enjoined the Corinthian believers to give as "God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2). There is no indication in Scripture that God discontinued His plan on the tithe. The early apostles seemed to carry the same instruction to support the early church. There is no indication in the annals of early church history that they discontinued the tithing plan of God. It is therefore safe for us to point out that in these great days of abundance, this ought to be a minimum wherein the believer can begin his systematic support of God's work.

The tithe is God's basic plan for His children to support His work. It is an indication of our acknowledgement of God's daily provision. Tithing and giving in direct proportion to God's provision is a graphic picture of the heart's affections, if carried out in the proper spirit and fear of God. It reveals clearly the subjective response of an obedient child of God. Practically, it is the answer to the care of the Lord's house, His extension of missionary witness and testimony.

Giving proportionately and regularly is not the final discharge of man's responsibility and privilege. A heart attitude filled with the love of Christ and motivated by the Holy Spirit is necessary to accompany the giving. If this be so, then the heart has its affection set upon things above. Does it not naturally follow then, that any other talents, time, endowments of material or life should also be dedicated to God's usage? The Christian has many possessions which have come either directly or indirectly from the Lord, all of which should properly be used for God's glory.

District statistical reports have generally indicated that God is not receiving His tithe. Our national statistical report will show that we have come short of being a tithing church. Is this an indication of a poverty condition in our fellowship? We think not. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has been richly blessed of God. Our people are basking in the sunshine of God's abundant provision. It must follow then, that we are not showing our gratefulness in giving where it is seen on our statistics.

If we are robbing God of our tithes and offerings, can it be also that He is not getting His share of our time, talents, leadership, cooperation and love? Could this be a reason for the lack of revival, insufficient leadership in our Sunday schools and churches, the loss currently being reported in attendances and interest in reaching the lost? When heart affection is not set

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By Elmer Tamkin, Financial Secretary



Mr. Elmer Tamkin

The Brethren Investment Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana in June, 1955. It is dedicated to the task of helping to make the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ known to all America. The foundation is a separate corporation from The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., having the same board of directors, the same officers, and the same corporate members as the council. This assures the fact that the foundation will always be a Brethren agency and will be used in the propagation of the gospel through the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Brethren Home Missions Council found that it was becoming more and more difficult to finance church construction through regular loaning institutions. In many instances mission churches found that it was impossible to borrow money from such institutions. Churches needed new facilities for growth and expansion, but they were unable to borrow the necessary funds. The work of the council expanded rapidly, and the amount of money which it required in its church building program greatly increased. For these reasons the officers and board of directors of the council realized the urgent need for a separate corporation to handle loan funds necessary to finance church extension. Upon approval of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the directors organized the Brethren Investment Foundation to meet this need. This provided for the Brethren fellowship an organization to which Brethren people could lend their money and have it used in the Lord's work.

The Brethren Investment Foundation borrows money from Christian people, principally Brethren people, and lends it to Brethren churches for the primary purpose of purchasing building sites and erecting new church buildings or needed additions to existing buildings. In addition to loaning money for church construction, the foundation loaned approximately $670,000 to Grace College and Seminary for the construction of the girls' dormitory and agreed to loan approximately $270,000 for a men's dormitory.

The Brethren Investment Foundation has two plans for borrowing money. Amounts up to $500 are placed in savings accounts which pay 4 per cent interest compounded semi-annually. Amounts of $500 and up are placed in investment accounts paying 5 per cent interest. The interest will be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, or it will be compounded quarterly, semi-annually or annually, at the election of the investor. When a savings account is increased to $500, it may be transferred to an investment account paying 5 per cent interest.

It has been the consistent policy of the foundation to return money to depositors and investors in cases of emergency, practically by return mail. However, depending upon the amount involved, the foundation reserves the right to request from 30 to 90 days' notice.

Approximately 1,325 have savings accounts and 1,260 investment accounts in the foundation.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the Brethren Investment Foundation, which has grown to approximately $5,200,000 in assets. The assets consist principally of cash in bank; money invested in insured building and loan associations; notes receivable from churches, Grace College and Seminary, other organizations; and office equipment.

Through Brethren people the Lord enabled the foundation to furnish financial assistance to approximately eighty churches.

Christian investments in the foundation are as safe as the application of sound business principles can make them. The officers and directors of the corporation are endeavoring to do everything possible to assure the safety and security of all investments. Major investments are made in real estate which, after all, is the most stable and sound security in the country. At least 10 per cent of all



Left to right: The Brethren Investment Foundation Loan Committee: Ralph C. Hall, Jerry Browning, Lester E. Pifer, Frank J. Poland and Elmer Tamkin.



Mr. Elmer Tamkin and Mrs. Donald Ogden, bookkeeper.

the money borrowed by the foundation is invested in liquid assets to provide a reserve fund to care for any emergencies. This reserve fund is insured by an agency of the United States government. All the assets of the foundation and the Brethren Home Missions Council are behind the loans.

Christians may place investments in the foundation with deep spiritual satisfaction that the Lord will protect them. The foundation has never failed to make an interest payment when it became due, or to pay back money when request was made for it. No one has ever lost any money in the foundation.

The most satisfying aspect of an investment in the Brethren Investment Foundation is the knowledge that money entrusted to you by the Lord will be serving Him in helping to extend the testimony of the gospel in America, and will not be used in projects which Christians cannot endorse.

Your investments in the foundation are vital to growth in our home-mission program. Churches can be built only as fast as funds are made available. We feel certain that many of the churches that we now have would not be in existence if it had not been for the foundation. We praise the Lord for many churches which have been erected with foundation funds.



Mrs. Bill Figert, secretary



Mr. Jerry Browning, assistant financial secretary.

The Lord is presenting to the Brethren Home Missions Council many opportunities to establish new testimonies for Him. There are many places where Brethren churches could be built immediately if we had the necessary funds. What is The Brethren Church going to do about these opportunities? Is it going to meet the challenges? These open doors present a great need for investment funds. Would you like to help in this important missionary program? The future growth of the various departments of our Brethren work will depend to a very large extent on what we do now in the way of building new Brethren churches. ▼

Delightful Notes

DUNCANSVILLE, PA. "It is a privilege to help in building Brethren churches. While visiting in Lancaster we attended the church of Rev. Tweeddale, and how blessed it was to see the growth."

CHARLOTTE, N. C. "We are thankful to the Lord for permitting us to have the Brethren Investment Foundation use these funds entrusted to us."

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. "I pray His blessings upon the work you are doing, and I am thankful for the opportunity of helping a little in this great work."

FAIRLESS HILLS, PA. "Your wonderful thoughtfulness in sending funds from my account without the benefit of the withdrawal voucher is greatly appreciated. Enclosed you will find the passbook to record the transaction. The Lord willing, we hope to replenish these funds we have withdrawn after the funeral affairs are finalized."

LUCAS, OHIO. "It has been a blessing for us to have this note with the Brethren Investment Foundation, knowing it has helped establish a gospel testimony such as the Woodville Grace Brethren Church."

TAMPA, FLA. "We are happy to be able to further the Lord's work

while laying aside a little for a rainy day in the life of our family."

RADFORD, VA. "I have never loaned money before, but this is what the Lord has entrusted to me and I pray He will guide me to use it all for His glory. I don't know of a better place to invest than in the Lord's work."

RIALTO, CALIF. "Please find enclosed a cashier's check to be invested in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Thank you for the prompt manner in which you have handled other deposits sent you."

NORTH LIBERTY, IND. "I feel this is a good way to lay up my treasures in heaven where they will continue to work for the Lord after I am gone from this earth to be with Him."

FINDLAY, OHIO. "It gives me a real joy to know this money is being used in the Lord's work, and I pray we won't have to take it out of His work."

LIMESTONE, TENN. "I am glad I can make a loan to the Brethren Investment Foundation, for I am assured this money is being used to spread the gospel in America."

WYCKOFF, N. J. "I thank the Lord that He enabled us to make these investments. We rent and are saving toward the eventual purchase of a home."

EVERETT, PA. "Enclosed please find check to be invested in the Brethren Investment Foundation. We are happy we can help in this way and pray that it may be a means to help bring the gospel to the unsaved."

HAGERSTOWN, MD. "It is expected that we shall add to our investment from time to time as we are making some changes in investments. The Lord has put it upon our hearts to invest more in His work."

LANCASTER, PA. "I have read about your work in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and think it is a good place to invest. One has the assurance that the money is being used for the Lord's work in establishing Brethren churches."

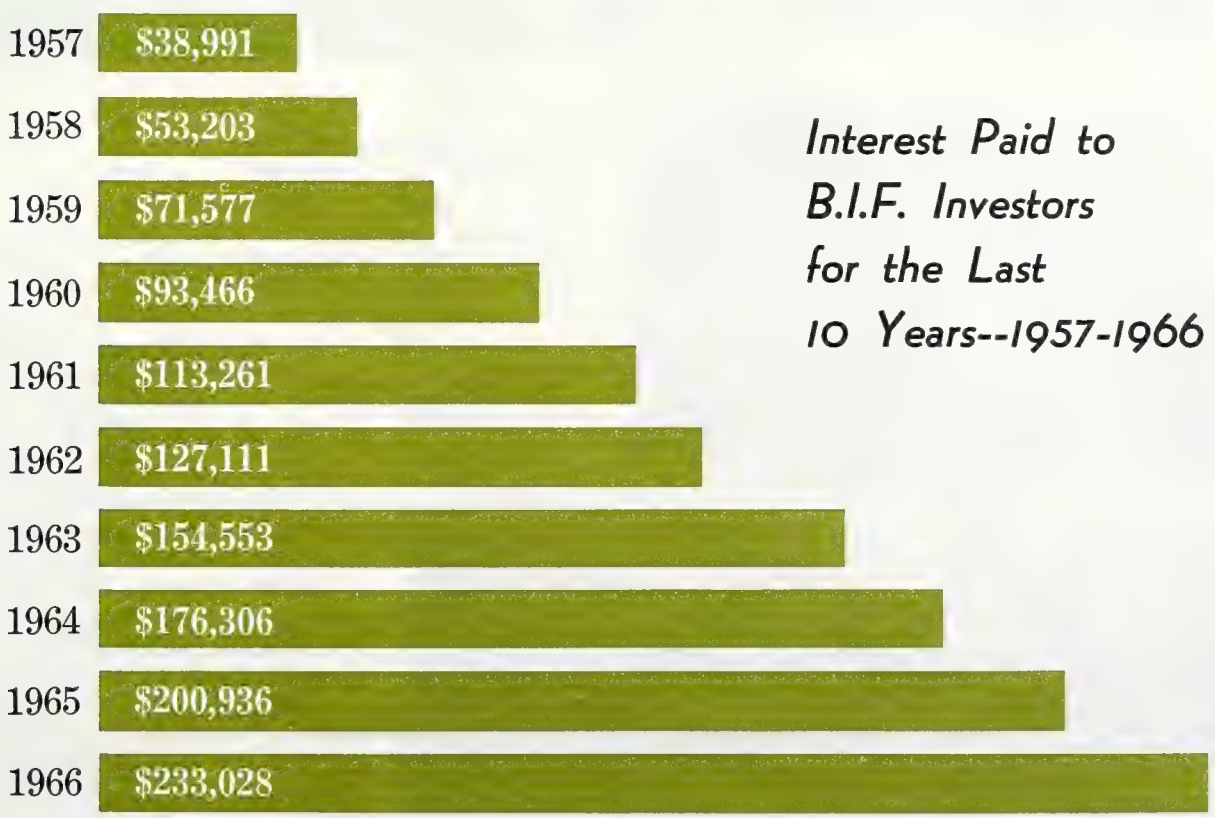
MARTINSBURG, W. VA. "I want to thank you for your kindness in handling my investment and appreciate the small part I have had in helping to build churches through the Brethren Investment Foundation."

A "Graphic" Picture of B.I.F. Growth

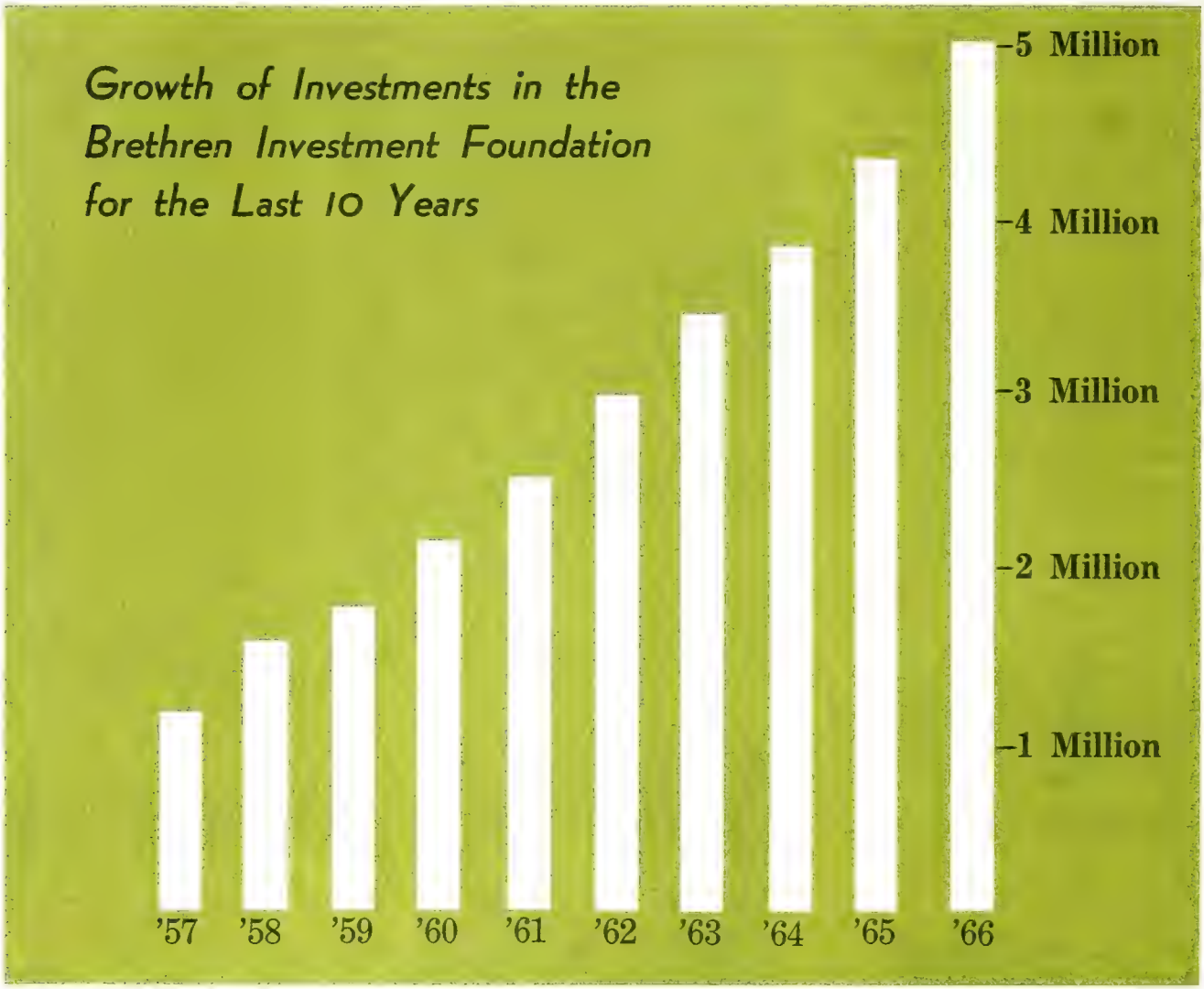
The following graph of interest dividends paid to investors in the Brethren Investment Foundation indicates the year-by-year increase. This indicates that more and more Brethren are investing more and more dollars in the Lord's work to help expand the testimony for Christ in America.

Another graph on page 6 shows the investments at the close of each fiscal year for the last ten years. This explains the increase in interest paid to investors, for both have increased every year.

We wish it were possible to show a graph of the "eternal dividends" but only our Lord could do it. ▼



Interest Paid to B.I.F. Investors for the Last 10 Years--1957-1966





Sacramento Grace Brethren

Sacramento Seeks Location

The growing testimony in Sacramento, California is seeking a location for a church building. The group meets in the church building shown, but the building must be moved from its present site. The building has been given to the church for moving it and they have a deadline to meet. Pray for the proper location to be secured and moving of the building so the word "temporary" can be removed from the meeting place for the Sacramento Brethren. Property is under consideration in a new housing development. ▼



Property under consideration in this development.

Home Mission Field Reports

BOTHELL, WASH. (Clarence Green, pastor). We are very much encouraged here at Bothell. I baptized one entire family with four children on June 12. At the same time two of our daughters and another teenage girl were baptized, making a total of nine. A total of ten have received Christ since January 1.

BEAVERTON, OREG. (Lee Bate, secretary). We are certainly thankful for our new pastor, Luke Kauffman, who arrived on Sunday, June 12. Last Sunday evening (June 19) we had four decisions, and though they were not first time, we are rejoicing over them. For anyone looking for a project, we are in need of a well.

LEXINGTON, OHIO (Terrance T. Taylor, pastor). We have much to be thankful for here at Lexington. The average attendance for our first Vacation Bible School was 65. At the outset, only 20 were registered from our church. On Friday night, June 24, we had our closing service with well over 100 present.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Melvin Hobson, pastor). A new record attendance for a V.B.S. closing service was set with 175 present. During the V.B.S. there were 11 decisions for Christ. Several new families have been added to the church lately.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (Robert Salazar, pastor). We broke all Sunday school records last Sunday (June 26) with 131 present. The same day we had 140 for church and this peak was reached from a continual increase for the past two months.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. (Warren E. Tamkin, pastor). Beginning July 4, 1966 "The Brethren Hour" broadcast will be heard each Sunday morning over the Red Lion station WGCB F.M. (96.1) at 8 a.m. We praise the Lord for opening this opportunity for us and it is a prime hour for this locality.

ARVADA, COLO. (J. C. McKillen, pastor). The receipts for the quarter have reached a new high. The note for purchase of our new piano has been paid in full and the sign obligation cared for—both ahead of schedule. God is blessing this church with souls and funds.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). Now, thanks to God, we are able to announce a more permanent meeting place. Starting today (June 12) we will be holding the Sunday morning and evening services at the Krannert YMCA. We knew we would need a piano and through a contact by one of our group we received a piano for just moving it. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. (Gerald Teeter, pastor). On June 11 the Gay Street Brethren Church broke ground for an additional wing to the present building. The footers have been poured and walls will be going up soon. The Lord is answering prayer in sending us funds for this addition.

Progress on Columbus Building

The new Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio is now going up with great rapidity. Ground was broken April 3, but a season of rainy weather delayed the early progress.

The church is being built by the Brethren Construction Crew. Working with Don Sellers, the superintendent, is Mr. Robert Baer. The church will be ready for occupancy early this fall.



Columbus, Ohio, church building.

Editorials

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upon the Lord, every part of the life is sure to suffer. God's work suffers. His Spirit is grieved.

The Christian also has the privilege of putting his savings and investments to work for the Lord. Here is another opportunity to assist in building Brethren testimonies for Christ and to extend the gospel. God has a rich blessing for the child of God who wisely puts all that he has at God's disposal.

The wise child of God can also be a steward of his funds after he departs for his homeland with Christ. Brethren annuities, bequests, deeding of property and life contracts are available for this purpose.

One dear saint of God entered this writer's office two years ago and made such a contract. The expressed desire of the heart was that at homegoing, these remaining funds might be used to build churches that would continue to send forth the message of the Word of God, reaching lost souls at home and abroad. Within two years this homegoing became a reality! We can easily understand the rich blessing and radiance which this choice saint of God enjoyed in these later years. God is a good paymaster! What a blessed way to meet the Master, knowing that in all things we have been good stewards of the grace of life. ▼

ISRAEL CALLS!

IN "SaMM"

BY ISOBEL FRASER

The place does not matter, just the opportunity. Nine of us were in "SaMM" on our way home from the last meeting for our blind Jewish group before the Buttons left on itineration. Sam and Eva, our newlyweds, and Betty were in the third seat; Sam B., Luba, and Ella occupied the middle seat; Ralph, Edith, and I sat in front. How thankful I am for my "bus," given by the SMM.

We had hardly said good-bye to the group with the Buttons and started off when Edith said she had a question. She had been thinking about it for some time and the message that evening made her wonder more. Rev. Button had presented the three offices of Messiah—prophet, king, and priest—and their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. How could God have a son? She thought He was a spirit.

God is spirit; so are we! That is, we have a body, soul, and *spirit*. Then I tried to show her that the body is just the house in which the real personality lives. God in Old Testament days manifested himself to man. Moses had such an experience. I discussed the truth of the trinity, using an egg as an example, with references to Genesis 3 and other Old Testament passages. At a specific period in time God manifested himself in a body like ours through a miracle birth. I mentioned Isaiah 9:6-7; 7:14; 53; and Zechariah 12, calling attention to any mention of the "son." (Stopped to leave Sam and Eva out; they are sighted.)



Miss Fraser serving refreshments at a fellowship part of the meeting.

The term "son" does not mean that He is less than or inferior to God the Father. Even as a human father and son have the same attributes, so do God and His Son. It is a case of relationship. This is especially seen on a human level when the son becomes of age. He is equal to his father and often willingly subjects himself to his father because of this relationship and love. So did God the Son for a time willingly limit himself and became subject to the Father's will through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (Stopped and took Betty and Ella to the door of the place where they live.)

Why don't Jews accept this? This question came as I climbed back into the car. One reason is because of the teaching of another Moses. Moses Maimonides, a great Jewish sage and author of the Thirteen Articles of Faith, influenced Jewish understanding of the Hebrew "echod," one—a unity. In his article regarding the oneness of God, he used the Hebrew "yachid," one—a single one. So though Jewish people say "echod," they think "yachid"! This is especially true of the passage that is the heart of Judaism, Deuteronomy 6:4. Genesis 3:24 and other passages were referred to, showing the use of the word as a unity. God too is a unity, a tri-unity. (Luba left us. She is sighted, but we waited until she was safely inside her building.)



The Bus "SaMM"

The reason for His birth was that God the Son might become one of us. This was essential that He might fulfill the office of priest, as Rev. Button had brought out in his message. Now He knows our infirmities and temptations and is able to succor us. Above all, He became our sacrifice, our substitute. Only as the God-man could He do this. (As I took Ralph to the door, he also had a question. It was regarding a Brethren group merging with another denomination. No, this was not our church. We are "orthodox"; this other group is not true to the Bible.)

Just before this I had told Edith she, too, was the result of a miracle birth. Returning to the car, I told her the story of God's promised son to Abraham and the miracle that fulfilled the promise. Because of this birth, she and Sam were here.

Again came the question, why don't the Jews believe it? Some do; the first Christians were Jews. Today, though a Jewish person may have little knowledge of Judaism, one thing he does know: for him Jesus is taboo. This is one stumblingblock. For both Jew and Gentile, sin is the greatest hindrance to belief in Christ Jesus. Each wants to come to God on his own terms. Although he admits he is not perfect, he is not willing to admit to being a sinner! The need is to see oneself in relationship to God. Job's experience (Job. 45:5-6) was recounted. Each needs to see himself in the light of God's Word; then he will accept God's way. (As I took Edith to the door, she thanked me for the discussion.)

What is Sam B.'s reaction to what has been said? Should I ask him? He very seldom says anything, but is a good listener. After a few inconsequential remarks, I did ask him what he believed about these things. He replied that the more he heard, the more he believed them. I pointed out that head knowledge is not enough. There is need for an application of these truths. To help explain, I used medicine as an example.

Had Sam ever applied these truths in his own life? Recognizing that he was a sinner, that Jesus is God and Saviour, had he personally applied these truths? His response was that when you are alone, it is easy to do what you please. Marriage makes a difference; one has to consider the other party. God should be first in our lives. Each person gives account to God for himself only. He was reminded of Mr. Button's relating that Mrs. Button came to Christ before he did and was partially responsible for his conversion. This could happen in Sam's life. Before leading him toward his door, I told Sam that this was a matter to be settled between himself and God.

In SaMM that night much had been said for the Messiah, God the Son. May His precious Word and this testimony cause these dear ones to come to be "in Christ Jesus." ▼

Missions at Work in Navajoland

By Lorraine Tasker

Missions at work. . . . Forms were being laid for the paving project of the National WMC and pouring concrete. A Navajo father was working out tuition for his children so they could attend the Brethren Navajo Mission Boarding School. A visiting mother of a staff member, being a nurse, was pressed into service to help meet an immediate need for medication. A Brethren serviceman from Washington enroute home prior to being sent to Viet Nam stopped by to lend a hand for a few days. This young man, the National Youth Council summer missionary, and some of the staff members made a trek up the Jemez Mountains to set up for a summer Navajo camp. Visitors were stopping by and joining hands with the mission staff. I saw all this and much more in my visit to the Brethren Navajo Mission.

There was a 1:00 a.m. hospital run to rush an expectant mother to a hospital. Another Navajo (a boy) was added to a growing tribe —and a growing mission field. At 3:00 a.m. there was another call and a return trip to the hospital, but this time it was death instead of a new life. It was a sleepless night dealing with life and death —but our world moves on.

A Navajo man missing three months was found dead and returned by the Navajo police. I was struck by the hopelessness of the weeping as we stood at the funeral by the open grave. So many lost and without Christ . . . so much to do . . . so few to help.

I saw a superintendent with a love and heart concern for the Navajo without Christ—a superintendent with an immediate need for three teachers in the boarding school.

Can a visitor communicate? With children it's easy. Take a Bible story book, a baseball and bat, or a basketball and you'll soon develop a friendship and have a love for those little dark-eyed Navajos. Or try a plate of fresh baked peanut butter cookies—this will work every time.

God's handiwork is seen all around in the beauty of formations in rock, the mesas, sunsets, and sunrises, all joining to make one feel close to God. And then the early morning staff devotions each day help mold the personnel together for a more effective ministry among the Navajo people.

You can help keep "missions at work in Navajoland." Pray!

(Home-mission editor's note: This was the first visit of Mrs. Tasker, office secretary at the National Sunday School Board, to the Brethren Navajo Mission. She has a sister, Norma Lathrop, who with her husband, Robert, is a member of the mission staff.)

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1966 annual corporation meetings of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated and the Brethren Investment Foundation, Incorporated will be held at the Winona Lake Christian Assembly Auditorium in Winona Lake, Indiana on Wednesday, August 17, 1966 at 10 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. The Brookville Grace Brethren Church has been in a building program for the past 14 months. Last November 14 the congregation began meeting in a multi-purpose first unit with 3,200 square feet. Early this spring construction was begun on the second unit which will be the auditorium with additional rooms. This will add another 4,500 square feet of usable floor space. This unit is expected to be occupied late in 1967. The third unit which will add another 3,200 square feet of floor space is planned later to complete the total plant. The men of the church are doing the construction work. On June 19, the film "Viet Nam Profile" was shown in the evening service. Clair Brickel, pastor.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. On July 5, Chaplain (1st Lt.) John Talley entered the U.S. Army Chaplain's School at Fort Hamilton. Mr. Talley graduated from Grace Seminary in June of this year. During the time that he will be taking the nine-week course, his family will be living with Mrs. Talley's family. The Talleys are members of Grace Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Ind.

HUINCA RENANCO, ARGENTINA. Rev. and Mrs. Clark W. Miller, Brethren missionaries stationed here, are the very proud parents of a son, David Clark, born on Sunday, June 12, weighing "3 kilos 800 gramos" (8½ pounds). Mother and baby are fine; father is walking on air!

ROANOKE, VA. Pastor Wendell Kent submitted his resignation as pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church on June 26. He has accepted a call as pastor of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., effective about October 1st.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Grace College plans to dedicate the new $225,000 men's residence hall on Thursday, Aug. 18. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum will be the speaker. (A photo of the building appears on page 23 of this issue.)

ELKHART, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman will conduct a stewardship conference at the Grace Brethren Church July 24-27. Rev. George Cone was the speaker Sunday evening, June 26. On July 4 in the evening service, the film "Seventeen" was shown. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. A new addition was welcomed into the parsonage family on June 12 when a daughter, Kelly Lynne, was born to Pastor and Mrs. Larry Gegner. The VBS held June 6-17 at the Ankenytown First Brethren Church averaged 156 in attendance each day, with over 300 at the closing program. Several decisions for Christ were recorded.

CHANGES: Rev. and Mrs. Robert D. Crees, R.R. 1, Box 151, Conemaugh, Pa. 15909. Rev. and Mrs. Luke Kauffman, 3525 S.W. 122nd Ave., Apt. 17, Beaverton, Oreg. 97005. Rev. and Mrs. Terrance T. Taylor, 40 Pembroke Blvd., Lexington, Ohio 44904. Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Hoyt, 11,400 Kent Ave., Hartville, Ohio 44632. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, Nevada Gardens, Apt. 3B, 475 Spring St., Nevada City, Calif. Please change *Annual*.



VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. The project of the Grace Brethren Church VBS was a washing machine for the Don Hocking family, missionaries to Africa. They are shown above with the washer which was presented to them at the closing program. Gloria Bratcher was director of the VBS, which averaged 126 in attendance. A. Harold Arrington, pastor.

BERNE, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Fetters of the Bethel Brethren Church will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 7. An open house is planned at their home, 817 E. Main St., and friends and relatives are invited to attend. Mr. Fetters has served for many years on three of our national boards —the Brethren Missionary Herald, the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Ministerial Benefits. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN. Quentin Matthes has accepted the pastorate of the Vernon Brethren Church, and began his ministry July 3. Pastor and Mrs. Matthes' new address is R. R. 1, Limestone, Tenn. Please change *Annual*.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Rev. Ralph Wiley, chaplain at the Marion Correctional Institution, was the special speaker at the Grace Brethren Church evening Gospel hour on June 26. Also featured was the Handbell Choir from the Galion, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Guest speaker in the evening worship service of the First Brethren Church on June 19 was Rev. Jack Churchill, missionary to Argentina. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

TRACY, CALIF. Richard Cripe assumed the pastorate at the Grace Brethren Church on July 1st. He was the guest speaker at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif. on June 19.

LA VERNE, CALIF. The Carolaires musical team from Grace College presented a special program on June 22 at the First Brethren Church here. The La Verne congregation invited the Montclair Brethren Church to join with them for the service. Elias White, pastor.

LANCASTER, PA. Mrs. Robert Sprecher and three sons of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster were involved in an auto accident June 20. The Sprecher's youngest son, Davey, was killed. Mrs. Sprecher and one son, Jerry, will possibly be hospitalized for six months. Prayer is requested for them. William Tweeddale, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A special Grace Alumni Smorgasbord is planned for Thursday of conference week (August 18) at 5:00 p.m. at the Westminster Hotel. Dr. Orville Jobson will be the speaker, and all Grace Seminary and College alumni, husbands, wives, ministers and faculty members are invited. Reservations are $2.25 each, and should be mailed by August 10 to: Rev. Thomas Hammers, Grace Alumni Office, Box 397, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. A father and son banquet was held on June 20 with 55 men and boys present. Guest speaker was Rev. Robert Collitt, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. The Grace Brethren Church sponsored a "Youth Round-Up Week" June 5-12. Seventy-three young people registered for the week, and attendance averaged 45. Six decisions were registered, four first-time and two rededications. Herman Hein, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller of the First Brethren Church who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. The Harmonaires from Grace College presented a program at the First Brethren Church on June 23. Refreshments were served after the service. Paul Dick, pastor.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. Rev. Douglas Bray has accepted the pastorate of the Westminster Brethren Church, and will begin his ministry Aug. 1st. Rev. Bray has been pastor of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif., for the past four years. On June 19, the church received a gift of a Hammond organ from one of the members.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The Geistown Grace Brethren Church recently received five new members into the church. Pastor Ralph Burns also reports an increase in most of the services the last three months.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Jim Renick, missionary candidate, was the special speaker at the First Brethren Church on June 22. Jim Custer, pastor.

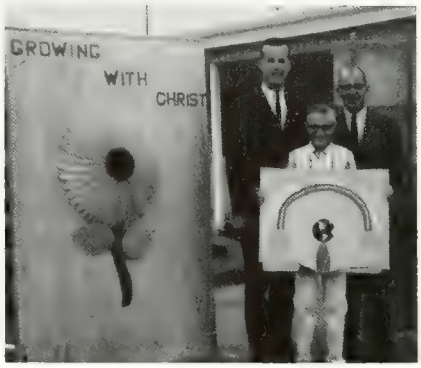
RADFORD, VA. The Fairlawn Brethren Church held revival meetings June 12-19 with Evangelist Ron Thompson as speaker. Attendance averaged 80, and there were six decisions. The Harmonaires from Grace College also participated in one of the revival services. Charles C. Hall, pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. A "Father's Day Essay Contest" was held in June at the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church. Karen Reeder and Bonnie Hendricks were the authors of the winning essays. Everett Caes, pastor.

HOPEWELL, PA. Becky and Jane Christopher from the Grace Brethren Church won the East District Youth Fellowship Talent Award, and will compete in the Brethren Youth Council NAC competition at conference. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

WEST COVINA, CALIF. Rev. Robert Kliewer, pastor of the West Covina Grace Brethren Church, resigned and has accepted a call to the new Greenwood Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, Calif. This new church is a branch of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church, Bob Collitt, pastor, recently purchased a restaurant-type electric milk cooler for the Navajo Indian work in New Mexico. This was a project of the church's V.B.S.



SIMI, CALIF. A campaign of growth was held recently at the Simi Brethren Church with a poster contest. The winner of the contest was Randy Weemer, a junior in the Sunday school. He is shown above with the contest judges, John Williams, left, and Sunday school superintendent George Harper, right. The senior high Sunday school department held a "door knob day" and left church invitations at many homes in the Simi Valley. The campaign used the theme "Growing With Christ," and Pastor Elmer Fricke reports that "God gave an increase and added to the church."



DAYTON, OHIO. The Basore Road Grace Brethren Church broke ground for their new $75,000 sanctuary on June 19. Rev. Lester Pifer represented the Brethren Home Missions Council and was the special speaker. Construction began June 20 and financing has been arranged through the Brethren Investment Foundation. Shown above are Russell Ward, pastor, and members of the building committee.



The pastors, building committee members and contractors present for dedication services.

Leamersville, Pa., Dedicates Addition, Celebrates 30th Anniversary

By Rev. Victor S. Rogers, Pastor

The dedication of the new addition to the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church was held Sunday afternoon, June 19, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Lowell Hoyt, teacher in The King's College of Briarcliff Manor, New York, was the dedicatory speaker. Seven other Brethren ministers participated in the dedication service: Dean Walter, Robert Crees, Clair Gartland, Ralph Hall, Homer Lingenfelter, Sheldon Snyder and Galen Lingenfelter. Three hundred people were present for the service.

A week of special 30th anniversary services were held, beginning with the dedication Sunday and closing the following Sunday evening. Former pastors of the church and men who had been called into the ministry from the local church were invited to speak in various services throughout the week. The speakers during the week were Rev. Lowell Hoyt, Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, Rev. Kenneth Wilt, Rev. Joseph Gingrich, Rev. Robert Crees, Rev. Clair Gartland, Rev. Gerald Teeter, Rev. Donald Burchfield, Rev. Victor Rogers, and Rev. Homer Lingenfelter. All the former pastors were represented except Rev. Randall Rossman, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Rev. Ralph C. Hall, of the Brethren Home Mission Council's Architectural Department, was the architect for the beautiful addition to our building. Local contractors were responsible for the construction of the building. The Leamersville congregation has shown great vision and purpose in the planning and completion of the structure. The new addition was begun in the spring of 1965 and was finished before Dedication Day.

This new addition has been added to the main church building of 40 by 70 feet. It is a building of 50 by 60 feet which forms a "T" with our main building, making the church more than twice the size of the former main building. The higher roof structure, extending beyond the chimney, shows the extension of the main building which has been added to lengthen our sanctuary. The lower sides shows the two floors of classrooms all the way around the building. Our new church addition has increased the sanctuary's seating capacity from 200 to 350 people. Included in the new sanctuary is a choir and pulpit area which will seat 35 people. A new baptistry has been placed behind the choir area. The new building not only serves to lengthen our sanctuary, but also gives us 11 additional classrooms, one office room, two rest rooms, three storage rooms, a radio control room, and baptistry dressing rooms, as well as a large basement auditorium.

New carpeting has been installed in the sanctuary and a large drapery placed in the front of the baptistry. Also, a new acoustical tile ceiling, new lighting, new church furniture and Cushion Eze pews, and a complete redecoration of the sanctuary have been added to meet the needs of this growing congregation. A new Hammond church organ, console model, was presented to the church by Mr. Willard T. Stuckey, Jr., in January, 1963. Previously, a new Hamilton piano had been bought by the church.

Seven regular pastors and two interim pastors have served the church during the 30 years of her history. The late Rev. George W. Rogers founded the Leamersville church Sunday, July 5, 1936. He served the church as pastor for two years until he passed on to be with the Lord. During his first year of ministry the church was accepted into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The early beginning of the church was in an old brick school house on the same lots on which the church now stands. With the pastors and growth over the years, the Lord has given the buildings as they now stand: the present church with the new addition, the parsonage and garage in the back.

During the present ministry of Pastor Victor S. Rogers, a regular radio ministry has been begun, broadcasting the Sunday morning worship service over station WKMC, the Cove Broadcasting Company. We trust that this lighthouse in the valley may continue to spread abroad the glorious gospel of Christ in this area. ▼



Leamersville, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church and parsonage. The new addition is at the far left.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—MONDAY, AUGUST 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the interest and cooperation of district mission boards in starting new mission points in conjunction with The Brethren Home Missions Council.

PRAY for the urgent need of three teachers in the Brethren Navajo Mission Boarding School.

PRAY for five churches to go self-supporting by January 1, 1967.

PRAY for the need of a full time office secretary to fill the vacancy on the staff of Brethren Home Missions.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for journeying mercies for Evangelist Ron Thompson and Bill Smith, as they have traveled over the miles these past months.

PRAISE the Lord for the fine increase in offering to the Board of Evangelism, as noted in the report elsewhere in this issue.

PRAY for the challenge hour to be presented at conference on Friday, August 19.

LAYMEN

PRAY that the national conference laymen's sessions will be a real benefit to each man who attends.

PRAISE the Lord for those men's groups that regularly support the work of the national laymen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that delegates returning home from the Sunday School Convention may carry inspiration and information to local churches.

PRAY for enlargement campaign committees in every Sunday school to be efficient and enthusiastic in their work.

PRAY that every Sunday school may reach every pupil for Christ.

PRAY that every Brethren Sunday school will support the National Sunday School Board financially.

YOUTH

PRAY for a real spiritual impact through our summer missionaries. There are eleven on five fields.

PRAY for steadfastness in the lives of those who commit themselves to Christ.

PRAY for many decisions for full-time service.

PRAY for national youth conference.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that missionary personnel and their families may have the blessing of health and strength so that the Lord's work may continue unhindered.

PRAY for the gospel ministry to islands and other pioneer Amazon areas in Brazil.

PRAY for the faculties and students in the Bible institutes on our various fields.

PRAY for God's wisdom and guidance for missionaries meeting from time to time in field council sessions to plan the work of the fields.

PRAY for personnel in France as they contact many people for the Lord through various means this summer, and pray for a good response.

CHAPLAINS

PRAY for Burton Hatch and John Schumacher as they leave soon for duty in Viet Nam, and for Jim Hutchens as he rejoins his family soon, following a one-year tour of duty at the front.

PRAY for Carlton Fuller as he serves a one-year tour of isolated duty in Alaska.

PRAISE the Lord for the many contacts our chaplains have with our young men and women in the military service.

WMC

PRAY that many of our WMC ladies will find it possible to attend our sessions at national conference.

PRAY that the Lord will sustain and bless each one of our retired missionaries and that they might find grace sufficient to meet every need.

PRAY that our women might seize the opportunities that summer months offer to be with our SMM girls and to help promote interest in the SMM groups.

PRAY for the physical health of our national officers, that each one of them may be able to be with us at conference.

SMM

PRAY for the SMM meetings at national youth conference that each girl will receive spiritual blessings and inspiration.

PRAY for our newly elected national officers as they take over for the coming year.

PRAY for many new SMM groups starting this year.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that God will provide the $200,000 in cash needed by September 1, 1966 in order to start construction on the new $650,000 Library-Learning Center so urgently needed on our campus.

PRAY for the new and returning college and seminary students, expected to number close to 600, largest combined enrollment in the history of Grace Schools.

PRAY that the workmen will be able to have the men's residence hall completed, ready for occupancy by September 1.

PRAY for a greater awareness among our Brethren people of the vital relationship between Grace Schools and the future God-given ministry of our entire denomination.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the many faithful writers who contribute to the pages of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, the Sunday school quarterlies, and other Brethren literature being produced.

PRAY that Christians across our nation shall be awakened to the importance of good Christian literature in the home.

PRAY for the annual Herald corporation meeting which will be held in the auditorium at Winona Lake, Indiana, on August 19.

Offering Report--Board of Evangelism

JULY 1, 1964—JUNE 30, 1965 AND JULY 1, 1965—JUNE 1, 1966

The listing below includes offerings from crusade meetings, soul-winning conferences and laymen's groups. **Please note:** In some cases an offering will show a sharp increase or decrease due to the fact than an evangelistic campaign was or was not conducted during the year in the church.

	1964—1965	1965—1966
ALLEGHENY		
Grafton, W. Va.		$20.17
Jenners, Pa.	$10.00	196.76
Listie, Pa.	26.25	192.23
Meyersdale, Pa.	383.02	115.25
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	57.21	58.73
Parkersburg, W. Va.	12.95	3.00
Uniontown, Pa.	8.05	334.71
Washington, Pa.	255.59	80.40
EAST		
Altoona, Pa. (First)		69.20
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	5.50	11.00
Conemaugh, Pa.		61.73
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	10.00	
Duncansville, Pa.	105.75	159.50
Hopewell, Pa.	8.50	
Johnstown, Pa. (First)		32.25
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)		164.22
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	26.79	14.81
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	22.00	390.73
Martinsburg, Pa.	29.50	87.75
FLORIDA		
Fort Lauderdale	66.00	164.50
Margate	39.00	56.03
Orlando	20.00	25.00
Pompano Beach		23.32
INDIANA		
Berne, Ind.	396.00	534.55
Elkhart, Ind.	3.50	100.25
Flora, Ind.	291.60	71.35
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	20.99	116.50
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	56.21	226.73
Goshen, Ind.	100.00	50.00
Kokomo, Ind.	8.00	199.83
Leesburg, Ind.		20.50
Osceola, Ind.	170.35	507.01
Peru, Ind.		23.00
Sellersburg, Ind.		5.54
Sidney, Ind.		152.27
South Bend, Ind.	32.50	374.31
Warsaw, Ind.	30.75	45.25
Wheaton, Ill.	45.00	70.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	277.21	382.07
IOWA		
Dallas Center, Iowa		20.00
Davenport, Iowa	36.75	
Garwin, Iowa	3.00	228.73
Leon, Iowa		14.24
Waterloo, Iowa		20.00
Winona, Minn.	1.00	1.00
MICHIGAN		
Alto	33.00	63.50
Berrien Springs	16.75	
Jackson	1.00	
Lake Odessa	22.00	28.50
Lansing		10.00
New Troy		44.05
Trout Lake	4.05	9.09

	1964—1965	1965—1966
MID-ATLANTIC		
Alexandria, Va.		151.64
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	102.32	
Martinsburg, W. Va.	68.00	
Washington, D.C. (Grace)		39.50
Waynesboro, Pa.		5.25
Winchester, Va.	18.05	212.13
MIDWEST		
Arvada, Colo.		14.00
Cheyenne, Wyo.	150.00	
Denver, Colo.	11.00	20.00
Portis, Kans.	49.45	104.35
Taos, N. Mex.	7.90	66.78
NORTHERN ATLANTIC		
Allentown, Pa.		86.23
Elizabethtown, Pa.		30.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	61.00	79.50
Hatboro, Pa.		25.25
Lancaster, Pa.	155.83	28.00
Manheim, Pa.	9.00	
Palmyra, Pa.		4.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	10.00	212.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)		95.50
Souderton, Pa.		100.00
York, Pa.	29.10	61.95
NOR-CAL		
Chico, Calif.	3.00	11.58
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	40.00	14.00
Sacramento, Calif.		19.00
San Jose, Calif.	10.50	
NORTHERN OHIO		
Akron (Fairlawn)		170.50
Akron (First)		231.65
Ankenytown	13.00	256.60
Ashland (Grace)	262.50	362.50
Ashland (Southview)	52.97	126.15
Barberton	38.50	203.94
Bowling Green		118.58
Cleveland	20.37	39.50
Columbus	12.00	88.48
Cuyahoga Falls	10.00	396.65
Danville		29.00
Elyria		171.04
Findlay	18.50	182.09
Fremont	51.20	35.75
Galion	2.10	10.35
Homerville	59.70	135.29
Mansfield (Grace)	118.93	165.18
Mansfield (Woodville)	5.00	7.50
Middlebranch	57.00	30.00
Minerva		10.00
Rittman		5.00
Sterling	12.00	
Wooster	93.99	152.50
NORTHWEST		
Albany, Oreg.	44.00	49.00
Beaverton, Oreg.		41.33
Grandview, Wash.	247.45	49.00
Harrah, Wash.	198.78	14.08
Kent, Wash.	111.37	22.70
Portland, Oreg.	186.87	48.19

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

COUSER, Jacob W., 62, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Sinking Spring, Ohio since 1956, died July 9 of a heart attack. He was a minister in the Church of the Brethren for 18 years prior to his association with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. On May 29,



1966 the Sinking Spring church dedicated their new sanctuary which Brother Couser and the congregation had labored for several years to build. Survivors include his wife Mary, and five children. Rev. Lon Karns, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio, officiated at the funeral services which were held July 12.

ERVIN, Mrs. Arthur (Pearl), known to many as "Mom" Ervin, slipped home suddenly on July 6 to be with the Lord. She and her husband were charter members of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary next year. A memorial service was held by Pastor Ralph Colburn, and another by Rev. Mark Malles in Fort Wayne, Ind., where interment was held.

WICKER, Mrs. Ruth, of the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa., passed away June 19.

Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

BROCK, Dixie, 17, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., was killed in an auto accident June 17. She was a niece of Chaplain Dale Brock. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

DIVELY, William E., 63, a member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa., went to be with the Lord on May 13.

Victor S. Rogers, pastor.

SPRECHER, Robert, nine years old, was killed in an auto accident June 20. Services were held in the Lancaster, Pa., Grace Brethren Church on June 22.

William F. Tweeddale, pastor.

GUYER, Glenn, of the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa., passed away June 21. Services were conducted by Pastor Sheldon Snyder.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

David Poole and Jean Smith, June 3, Ankenytown First Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio.

Kenneth Hoover and Cindy Drenning, June 11, Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa.

Eric A. Munch and Rosalie M. Pryor, June 11, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Lee Woodring and Bernetta Williamson, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Ted Trumpower and Linda Shank, June 17, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Tom Tierney and Linda Stambaugh, June 18, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Edison Yoder and Mary Labrano, June 19, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

James Buck and Vicki Grant, July 1, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Richard Alan Nilsen and Audrey Lynn Kent, July 2, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Scott Buffington and LeAnn Carter, July 7, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

	1964—1965	1965—1966
Spokane, Wash.	140.75	
Sunnyside, Wash.	441.95	70.50
Toppenish, Wash.	154.35	10.00
Yakima, Wash.	107.89	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA		
Arlington, Calif.	15.00	
Artesia, Calif.		8.69
Bell, Calif.	19.00	
Beaumont, Calif.		117.74
Colton, Calif.		10.05
Compton, Calif.	150.04	159.98
Fillmore, Calif.	5.00	
Gardena, Calif.	37.05	5.10
Glendale, Calif.		12.00
Inglewood, Calif.	31.00	51.00
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)		5.00
Long Beach, Calif. (First)		5.00
LaVerne, Calif.		15.00
Norwalk, Calif.		319.25
Phoenix, Ariz.	64.86	99.47
Rialto, Calif.		206.41
San Bernardino, Calif.		20.00
San Diego, Calif.		15.50
Simi, Calif.	7.00	4.00
Temple City, Calif.	4.00	5.00
Tucson, Ariz.		5.00
Westminster, Calif.		12.00
Whittier, Calif. (Community)		11.85
SOUTHEAST		
Buena Vista, Va.	27.62	137.06
Covington, Va.	84.05	115.60
Hollins, Va.	21.75	32.28
Johnson City, Tenn.		33.99
Limestone, Tenn.	309.00	37.67
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)		26.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)		65.51
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)		165.94
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	5.00	181.40
Virginia Beach, Va.		62.61
SOUTHERN OHIO		
Brookville, Ohio		17.28
Camden, Ohio	8.25	231.32
Clayhole, Ky.	184.00	
Clayton, Ohio	73.38	92.37
Dayton, Ohio (First)	380.56	471.50
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)		8.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	43.39	91.89
Englewood, Ohio	499.01	283.96
Kettering, Ohio	320.80	
Trotwood, Ohio	91.05	
Troy, Ohio	39.50	4.00
West Alexandria, Ohio		314.59
Total	8,242.40	13,654.74

GRACE BULLETIN

AUGUST 1966







Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Progress on the Library Fund

For three months, June, July, and August, a task force composed of development personnel and administration from Grace Schools is doing its best to address a personal appeal to the members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in behalf of the proposed library. Many who read this column will be approached by these men, and it is our sincere hope that each one will give careful attention to the project and the many ways in which it will be possible to promote this work.

As of this date some seventy-three thousand dollars in cash and pledges has been received. A fuller report will be given elsewhere in this issue of the Herald. This is indeed a great encouragement to us here at the school. We have no way of knowing what the result will be from the fund drive this summer, but it is our hope that it will reach $200,000. This is the figure we have set as the amount needed before construction can begin. That is approximately one-third the cost of the building. Construction will take at least a year, and during that period we are trusting that the Lord will enable us to raise the rest of the money to meet the cost of the building.

"And We Are Not Saved"

To a people who had resisted every effort of God through the centuries to reach them, the prophet Jeremiah said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). This was the cry of the prophet during those fateful days when already the invasions of Nebuchadnezzar had begun and it was only a matter of time until the city of Jerusalem and its inhabitants would be carried away captive to Babylon. The days of opportunity were spurned until it was at last too late.

In similar fashion God is speaking to His people today. He is speaking to us in relation to the school He raised up twenty-nine years ago, the school He has protected and supported through these years, the school that has sent Christian workers out to the ends of the earth. He has given us a summer of opportunity such as we have never had in the history of this school to raise the necessary funds for the library. There has never been a time when there has been so much prosperity, so much money in the hands of the people of God.

But God never puts money in the hands of His people but what He expects to take account of their stewardship. How long the present boom will continue, no one knows. But we do know that this boom is for the good of His work, wherever God's people are blessed with the material benefits it is now bringing. Let us buy up the opportunity while it is summer (Eph. 5:16).

The 1966-67 Student Body

As many of you know, the combined student body of Grace College and Seminary for the year just ended exceeded 500. For the year now in prospect, it is very possible that it will approach or even exceed 600. This is what we want. This is what we have been praying for. This is what all our plans and all our dreams have been directed toward. We want to see young people under Christian direction and in a Christian atmosphere being trained to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in some area of Christian service.

But sometimes we forget that our dreams and our prayers and our plans all bring added responsibility. It is not enough to pray that God will send in Christian young people. Behind that prayer there must be the determination to support the school so that these young people can accomplish the purpose for which they came to school. This means giving. It means giving to promote the building program. It means giving over and above that for the current operation of the school. As of this date we will close the books for the current fiscal year in the red. This is due to the fact that added income did not come in to meet the needs of the added students who came to school. Could you find it within your heart to help us for the year just now ending?

Don't Forget the New Needs

In almost every offering in the

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Dr. Hoyt reveals building plans to faculty.

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Th.D.

Professor of Old Testament and Director of Postgraduate Studies Grace Theological Seminary

Science Falsely So Called

For many intelligent people today, science is a religion. The ritual is the scientific method, the priesthood consists of the great discoverers and interpreters of Nature, and the statement of faith is that all of reality is capable of being explained ultimately by a consistent application of the scientific method. Vast numbers of students in colleges and universities all over the world are being trained in the atmosphere and toward the goals of this great new religion called *scientism*.

The real tragedy of this situation, of course, is that the true God of creation, redemption, and revelation has no place in this religion. Many modern scientists are fully confident that man's unaided reasoning is able to resolve *all* the ultimate mysteries of the universe. Typical, perhaps, is this statement by William Bonner, professor of mathematics at the University of London: "It is the business of science to offer rational explanations for all the events of the real world, and any scientist who calls on God to explain something is falling down on his job. . . . If the explanation is not forthcoming at once, the scientist must suspend judgment: but if he is worth his salt he will always maintain that a rational explanation will eventually be found" (*The Mystery of the Expanding Universe,* 1964, p. 119).

Now it should not be too surprising to Christians that unregenerate men of science should exhibit such intellectual pride, for we know that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14). But one of the great dangers that confronts the Christian today is the assumption that Christian professors of science, especially those who teach in Christian liberal arts colleges, are automatically and completely immune from the insidious influences of the modern cult of scientism.

Although the natural sciences, especially as they deal with the question of origins, are certainly not the only subjects in the liberal arts curriculum that call for drastic reorientation in terms of Biblical revelation, they are at least the most obvious. And yet, in an alarming number of cases science teachers in church-related colleges do not present such subjects as cosmology, geology, paleontology, biology, and anthropology from a truly Biblical standpoint. All too often, textbooks are used and concepts are taught that completely undermine the Christian position on origins, though, to be sure, classes are begun with prayer and may be followed by an inspiring chapel service. The product of this type of education is frequently a warm-hearted Christian whose mind has been indoctrinated by the concepts of scientism.

It is important to recognize that there is *no* institution of higher learning in the world today where *any* advanced degree in *any* science is offered where Biblical revelation is given its rightful priority. Thus, powerful pressures converge upon the Christian who feels led to teach science in a Christian liberal arts college and who desires to obtain advanced degrees in his field. Though his faith in the "fundamentals" of the faith may not be visibly shaken, he is certainly not receiving advanced training in the Biblical doctrine of the creation of the universe, the solar system, the earth, plants, animals, and man; nor is he being taught how to interpret earth history in terms of such cosmic catastrophes as the Edenic curse and the Flood. Thus, it is common to find *Christian* men of science scoffing at the idea of a

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The Relevance of Christian Education to Our Day

By Dr. Norman H. Uphouse

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Grace College

What's Happening at Grace? --Part 1

*First in a series of articles by the chairmen of the four divisions of instruction at Grace College.

The need for Christian emphasis in education is as great today as at any time in our history. It has always been real. Present attempts to ban the Bible from the public schools and to rule God out of public life point up a new kind of challenge with which we must deal effectively.

Christian Education Is Broader than Mere Secular Education

Let us see Christian education not as a narrow form but a broad one. It goes higher in significance and deeper in meaning than anything the materialist has to say. Natural and physical explanations are good up to a point but don't go far enough. We live in a world where ethical, moral and spiritual truths operate just as much and are just as real as natural, physical truths in the scientific realm.

Spiritual Discernment Is a Gift to the Christian

The Bible speaks of the wisdom of men and the wisdom of God. It is true that men can achieve a great deal in research and experimentation, but we need to see that there is a limit to human wisdom. Beyond this limit of the material we find truths that are immaterial, or metaphysical. It is here that we call in the star witness and learn from God by revelation. This is spiritual discernment (I Cor. 2:14-16). It is also called the mind of Christ.

Christian Education Is a Matter of Balance as Well as Emphasis

The professional educational department at Grace College, as well as other departments here, emphasizes the spiritual significance of education. As we look at the missionary angle, we realize that we touch lives in the early, formative years for good or otherwise. Therefore we must start the educative process early in one's life, placing the emphasis where it belongs, thus harmonizing God's Word and His work as seen all about us.

The Importance of Teaching

Let us not imagine teaching to be less important or more important than preaching or evangelizing. We don't need to make comparisons or judgments. Rather, let us look at them as complementary, with each furthering the cause of Christ. Jesus himself went about teaching, preaching and healing (Matt. 9:35). He was probably better known for His teaching than He was for His preaching.

It Is Not Illegal To Talk About the Lord in the Classroom

Some people do not agree on this point, but it is the writer's opinion that one cannot go very far in the sciences, literature or art without encountering spiritual truths. Christian teachers by their comments can make it very clear where they stand. I cannot see that we are compelled to be silent while the irreligionist and evolutionist speak out against the Bible.

Evolution Is the Perennial Problem

Somebody must speak out against the erroneous claims of evolution. Our many textbooks are slanted in favor of evolution without warrant. Just imagine the damage to our children if we abandon education to the secularist and allow the teaching of evolution to go on without protest or challenge. Remember that it is the evolutionist who is hard-pressed for adequate evidence for his theory. His is the position that has never been proven. Further, it presents no improvement over the Biblical account of creation as we have it in Genesis.

The Emerging Christian Day School

Sooner or later the church must take a stand on the matter of the Christian day school. As the public schools degenerate, morally, ethically and spiritually, more and more Christian people will see the wisdom of a dual educational system. Furthermore, they will be ready to support Christian schools.

We hold to a twofold purpose in preparing leaders for education. (1) We urge Christians to make an impact upon public schools not only as godly teachers but also as godly ad-

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Power and Pentecost

By Lawrence H. Pote

Senior Class Day Sermon, May 29, 1966
Grace Theological Seminary

Today, some are speaking of the "suburban captivity" of the church. Others are voicing their concern about an "ingrown" church that has lost its clear-cut sense of purpose. Many are suggesting that the period of Laodicea has arrived. Still others are proposing that the church has become a cloister for contented, complacent pew sitters. I am forced to conclude that we have become more of a mutual admiration society than a courageous advancing army. We have become more of a sentimental lighthouse on the corner than a spreading flame of fire. While we so often attempt to build a "kingdom on the corner," the masses in the inner city, the tough teen-agers in Everywhere, USA, the intellectual fraternity in institutions of higher education, and the common people on the street are pouring over the brink of hell untouched by the gospel.

This Sunday is recognized on the church calendar as Pentecost Sunday, on which we commemorate the birthday of the church. It would be well for us, therefore, to reflect on the opening chapters of the Book of Acts. The resurrected Christ personally had fellowshiped with His disciples for a period of forty days after His resurrection. He promised them power after the Holy Spirit would come upon them; then they were to be witnesses throughout the world. One day as they stood in His presence, they saw Jesus ascend into heaven. During the next ten days they selected a replacement for Judas, the traitor. They prayed. They waited. Then the Day of Pentecost came —the birthday of the church. Suddenly there was a unique manifestation of the supernatural: a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, cloven tongues like as of fire, the coming of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament sense, and a speaking in other tongues.

Now we can never expect to see the Day of Pentecost repeated; that was a special day; God was initiating a new movement in history. But, I believe that the power evidenced in the opening chapters of the Book of Acts can be ours today. Give your attention to what God was doing with that humble group of disciples. Observe their *dynamic,* their *declaration,* and their *determination,* and you will find new courage to face the challenges of our day.

The disciples' *dynamic* was not concocted in a caldron of falsehood. Nor was it the uncertainty of philosophic speculation, but the incomparable power of the Holy Spirit.

Consider the emphasis on the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts. In chapter 2, verse 4 we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. . . ." This was the main thing at Pentecost. It is a mistake to place major emphasis on the manifestations and overlook its real purpose. The signs and accompaniments were temporary, but the presence of the Holy Spirit was to remain. Manifestations would vary. They would not speak in tongues on all occasions of Spirit in-filling. Tongues like as of fire and the roaring sound would not repeatedly accompany the Holy Spirit. But the in-filling of the Holy Spirit would be a permanent practice. Even so the most important thing at Pentecost was the Spirit, not the signs. The signs were passing, the Spirit was permanent. (Notice Acts 4:8; 4:31; 5:32; 6:3, 5.)

These early Christians possesed a dynamic available to no other movement in history, such as Buddhism and Confucianism.

Christians today need exactly what the first century Christians had. We need to be "filled" with the Holy Spirit. My heart longs to see people walk with the Saviour. But, this is the age of the "shrug"—a characteristic which means, "We could not care less." And, I'm certain that we will never communicate to such people unless we rely upon the dynamic of the Holy Spirit.

Another crucial factor in the success of those early disciples was their *declaration.* Here I want to emphasize both their message and their method. (Again turn to Acts 2:32-36, 38; 3:13-15, 19; 4:10-12, 33.)

These disciples struck the world in a head-on collision with the news—"Christ is risen!" Their message was centered in the Resurrected Lord. They boldly declared that through His death on Calvary He had provided salvation. He was exalted with the Father. And, men must repent of their sin. Their method was a straightforward, convincing, authoritative preaching of the gospel. They didn't preach before the people; they preached to the people! In these chapters you do not find phrases such as: "In all probability . . ." or, "It is reasonable to suppose . . ." There is not a nebulous statement in their message from beginning to end.

In our society people are being

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bombarded with various kinds of messages on every hand. The one-eyed monster, the radio, the magazines, the newspapers, the books—all of these are trying to sell us sex, alcohol, tobacco, communism, cultism, materialism, and false philosophies of every stripe.

In the midst of the chaos and confusion people are looking to the so-called church only to hear certain theologians speak of themselves as "Christian atheists" who assert that "God is dead." What a comforting message for mothers and fathers whose boys are being slain by the Viet Cong in Viet Nam! What a message to give to a defeated teen-ager who is stained by sin! What a message for a world that's rocking and reeling on the brink of insane self-destruction! The generation that has mastered the "twist" is a "twisted generation"; and the only thing that can straighten it out is the message of Jesus Christ. The tragedy of this hour is that we have too many dead men in the pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people.

A third factor related to the success of the early disciples was their *determination*. On the Day of Pentecost when the crowds saw the supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God they mocked (2:13). The religious leaders were opposed to the Nazarene heresy, but Peter boldly exalted Jesus of Nazareth. The apostles were imprisoned and threatened for preaching the resurrection. Stephen and James were martyred. But, the disciples refused to stop preaching Christ. Furthermore, their determination involved not only their preaching, but also their praying.

These men were Spirit filled; they were confident in their message, and they just would not quit. Consider today's contrasts. People once active in the church have become discouraged and are passive observers. Preachers hop from church to church because of disappointments. Professing Christians fade like wilted flowers when faced with the subtle temptations of Satan or the scorching persecutions of the world.

We nestle in our reclining chairs in the comfort of our air-conditioned homes and watch the cowboys display the courage we wish we had. We watch the law officers show the resolution we wish we could muster. Too many have become spectators standing on the sidelines. Cushions have been substituted for the cross when we ought to be flexing our muscles for action. We need determination. The life of depression, doubt, and defeat is not the legacy of the child of God.

On the Day of Pentecost the disciples of Jesus were poised on the threshold of a new era of history. On this Pentecost Sunday many of us are facing a momentous step in our lives. How will we fare? We dare not plot our own futures. We dare not trust our own strength. ▼

Our President Speaks

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church there has been increase within recent years, and for this we thank God. But this has not been true for Grace Schools. I am appealing to each member of the Brethren church to make it a matter of consideration and prayer about doubling his gift for current operations during the next year. Grace Schools is definitely a missionary operation. Here is the place where the most important work of all is done in the preparation of the workers. No workers means no missions of any kind. It was Jesus who said, "Follow me, and I will make you to be fishers of men." This is the first step in the great missionary program, and we invite you to help us discharge this aspect of the work. ▼

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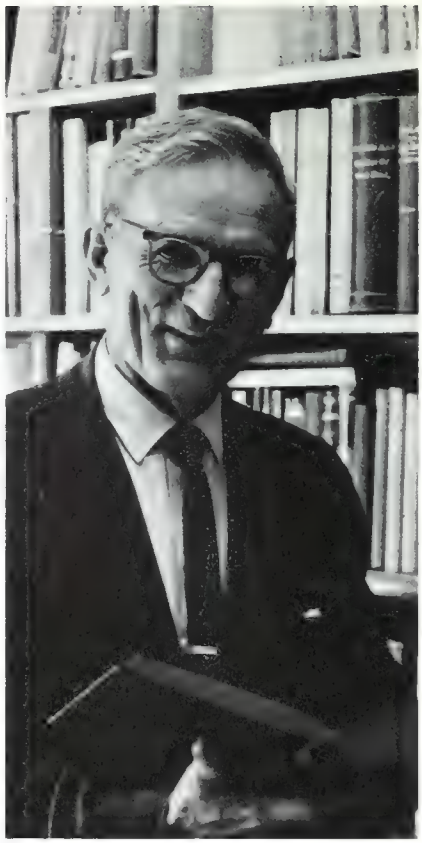
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The Relevance of Christian Education . . .

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Dr. Norman Uphouse is chairman of the department of social sciences at Grace College. In this article, he introduces a series of evaluations of the school's curriculum.

ministrators. There is much in the history of American education to support this view. Historically, we are on safe ground. (2) We prepare teachers for Christian schools, here and abroad. This may not be as glamorous to some as the former. Finances with which to work may be less, but we believe the results and the satisfaction will be most rewarding.

A Personal Testimony

Around Easter time a Christ-honoring program was presented by the children of a Christian day school. At the conclusion a man nearby remarked, "It could never have happened in a public school." Christian education is broader than any other kind because it embraces the wisdom of God as well as the wisdom of men.

Consistency Is the Jewel

Christian education is generally accepted throughout the church as essential at the higher educational level. This accounts for the existence and support of Grace College and Seminary. We are vitally interested in the leadership preparation program. We understand that our very survival depends largely upon these schools. We also understand that these schools depend upon our churches for survival. By the same token we must become involved in the Christian education of our youth in an unbroken progression from the elementary through secondary and on to higher education, culminating with ample facilities for graduate theological preparation for all who can profit by it. ▼

Science Falsely So Called

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literal creation of the world in six days or a universal flood, not because they feel that such doctrines are unbiblical but because they are "unscientific."

The danger of allowing "science" (whether used in the narrow, popular sense or in the broader, Biblical sense of human knowledge) to sit in judgment upon Scripture is that human knowledge is not only finite and therefore severely limited (I Cor. 13: 12) but also sinful and therefore dangerously distorted (II Peter 3:5). Apart from the divinely inspired revelation of Scripture, it is impossible to know ultimately *any fact* of nature, history, or life in its *true perspective*. If we cannot even know *ourselves* without the mirror of Scripture (James 1:23-25), how much less can we presume to know the origin of the earth and of living things without the help of God!

Christian young people, together with their parents and pastors, need to evaluate the importance of a Christian education in an age of desperate spiritual and theological apostasy. They need to ask themselves whether it is really possible to serve God effectively if the heart is "spiritual" while the mind remains surrendered to the modern cult of scientism. They need to ask whether the "Christian" college they are planning to attend or support is *really* Christian in its approach to the liberal arts. It is possible, after all, for otherwise sincere Christians to err concerning the faith by submitting to "the knowledge which is falsely so called" (I Tim. 6:20). ▼

TEACHING POWER

By Gretchen Sprunger

(Editor's note: Gretchen Sprunger is from Berne, Indiana. She is a 1966 graduate of Grace College, receiving the Bachelor of Science in Education Degree. This article was a paper presented to the Christian Education Seminar of Grace College.)

Many pupils in evangelical churches today seem unchallenged and unchanged by Bible teaching. Apparently this is not a new problem, but dates back beyond the beginning of the Sunday school. However, a teacher should not be content with this evident lack of spiritual growth and the absence of Christlike living.

Both the teaching and the learning of God's Word *ought* to be an interesting and happy adventure. Teaching God's precious truth *ought* to result in transformed lives for pupils who will become "doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Tragically, Sunday-school classes are often lifeless, uninteresting, and the source of boredom. The idealistic teacher would like to see pupils leaving the classroom with sparkling eyes, a serious determination to practice the Word of God, and deep questions about God himself. But all too often pupils are glad for the bell and release from a dull, boring session.

Pastors, teachers, youth leaders and church members seem to be awakening to the fact that Christianity is, to a large extent, educational. This is one reason such a class as Christian Education Seminar is taught at Grace College. Church leaders are seeking to provide proper organization, adequate facilities, and equipment for learning in the Christian realm. Employing appropriate teaching techniques and using suitable instructional materials can be conducive to interesting teaching and learning.

But these factors, important as they are, cannot, in themselves, guarantee "teaching power."

Teaching power is found, basically, in three important factors. To begin with, it is impossible to have Christian education without the Word of God, which must be the basic core of the curriculum. Second, it is absolutely necessary that the curriculum be taught by regenerate teachers. Teachers cannot communicate Christian truths satisfactorily if they have not first experienced them. Third, the Holy Spirit's work is a prerequisite for spiritual growth and power in every phase of teaching and learning. Apart from the work of the Holy Spirit through the teacher and the written Word of God, Christian education will remain ineffective and will differ little from secular education.

True Christian teachers must be not only regenerated but also completely yielded to God. Many, when saved, fail to yield their all to Christ and continue to live a rather carnal life. Such teachers find it difficult to lead their pupils into real fellowship with God, since they themselves know nothing of the joy of fellowship attained by the filling of the Spirit.

The work of the Holy Spirit is also necessary if the Word of God is to make an impact on the pupils' lives. The Bible was written through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Bible and the Holy Spirit, therefore, work together to perform God's purpose. The Holy Spirit controls man's mind so that he may understand the Word of God, and control man's heart so that he may submit to its teachings.

I have been preparing to become an elementary teacher. This goal is now easily within sight. I may also soon become a Sunday-school teacher. In both events, I plan to depend upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit so that my work as a teacher will be successful and blessed of God.

The Bible, in several passages, refers to the Holy Spirit as a teacher. One of these is found in John 14:26: "But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you" (ASV). He alone can bestow "teaching power" upon those who minister the Word of God. ▼



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Speaker—Rev. Clyde K. Landrum



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As of July first, $44,208 in cash and $29,475 in unpaid faith-promises had been received toward the immediate goal of *$200,000 in cash* needed by September first before construction can be started on the proposed Grace College and Seminary Library-Learning Center. Estimated cost of the building with equipment is $650,000.

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Editorially Speaking

WHAT SHOULD WE THINK—

HOW SHOULD WE THINK—

OF WHOM SHOULD WE THINK—

—AS WE COME TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE?

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard



Think of a Troubled World!

Not "into all the heavens," but "into all the world" is our commission. Interplanetary travel will someday be the incidental thing. We will not need a powerful blast-off, but silently and without any adieu, without any news coverage, we will be loosed away upward. There will come new heavens and a new earth. Good-bye, Moon; good-bye, Mars—we'll travel to the heaven of heavens where God is—to be forever with Him.

Think of Doing Something for This Troubled World!

Come, bring, go, send, ask, seek, knock, tell, testify, witness, disciple, baptize, teach, preach, reach, present, yield, invest, expend and expand. These great words reveal the dynamic in the Christian faith, which is not limited in its scope or view. It is to the Greek, the Jew—the cultured, the barbarian—the bond, the free—the rich, the poor—the black, the white—the old, the young—the man, the woman—the boy, the girl; "whosoever" designates those whom God invites to come and drink freely of the water of life.

If our vision for the work of Christ is less than world-wide, it is too small. When we think of the limitless space about us, our world is small. But when we think of our world as our responsibility for evangelization, it is indeed large.

It took until the birth of Jesus Christ for the population of the earth to equal one quarter billion; now it has passed the three billion mark. Our responsibilities have increased proportionately.

Think of Missionary Personnel Needed!

Missionary personnel has increased as far as present numbers are concerned in relation to the past. The increase is infinitesimal, however, as far as the needs of a lost world are concerned. We are losing out in the business of evangelization of this lost world. Some say we are losing out at a ratio of 19 to one, while others say the loss is at the rate of 99 to one. A figure somewhere between those two probably reveals the sad truth.

We ask again, "What should we think, and how?" as we come to this national conference. Certainly we should not be thinking of fleshly, carnal, selfish things. Let our thoughts be, "Others, Lord, help us to tell others of Thy wonderful Self." The motive and message of missions will then be revealed.

Home Missions Emphasis

With August first we begin the so-called home-mission season. "The field is the world"; therefore, it is wrong for our vision to be less. But it is also wrong for us to think only of distant lands, and forget the need for gospel witness and testimony here at home. In this "home" mission season let's bend our efforts in very special ways toward the reaching of the lost for Christ in the U.S.A. ▼

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Unlimited . . . Brazil!

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

The date was January 31, 1959; the place, the heart of Brazil. Two bulldozers—one grinding and screeching along a mutilated forest to the north, the other doing the same but arriving from the south—met in the middle of what had previously been solid jungle. Symbolically, the two touched blades. And, though the thought may have been far from the minds of the engineers and workmen, they at that moment opened a new frontier for Christ.

For the first time in Brazilian history, it became possible to drive from the city of Belem, located at the mouth on the south side of the Amazon River, on through to Brasilia, the fabulous new capital of Brazil. Of course, the trip is not yet exactly equal to a ride across the turnpikes of the United States. The road is a dirt one which, I am told, contains holes big enough to swallow a Volkswagen. And during the rainy season—well, only the unprintable comments of Brazilian truck drivers who depend upon this artery for their livelihood would adequately explain the mess.

The importance of this worth-while project to the economic well-being and the progress of Brazil, however, cannot be doubted. Foreign companies, including leading United States manufacturers, are investing heavily in the country. Thousands of Brazilians have already moved into the area to open up new farm lands. Towns and villages are springing up in the heart of an area that a few months previous boasted of its primitive inhabitants—the cobra, the jaguar, and the guariba monkey. When we further consider that of all the nations of the world Brazil will double her population sooner than any of the rest (from 80 million in 1966 to 160 million in the year 2000), we must admit that all indications seem to verify the slogan: "Brazil, the land of the future."

Recently Dr. Bernard Schneider, president of the Foreign Missionary Society Board of Trustees, and I had the distinct privilege of meeting for nine days with our missionaries in Brazil. We were there to pray and to counsel with them as they sought God's direction with respect to future plans for fulfilling the Lord's will in that vast land. Such planning is no small task, for Brazil is a land that not only challenges the servant of the Lord with its teeming populations but also baffles him with its unlimited opportunities. The challenges are so plentiful that the problem is not what we can do to make an impact for Christ, but rather, what we should do first. So tremendous are the opportunities and so gratifying the results when compared to other mission points around the world, that it would take a very short-sighted missionary (of which, praise God, we have none) not to see that God has placed him in one of the most fertile missionary fields our Lord has for us in the world today. Brethren, God has not told us to permit this ground to go unplanted or unharvested, as the U.S. government has ordered of some of its farmers. The admonition is still, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). This our missionaries in Brazil mean to do with your backing and prayer support.

Look for a moment at an impressive list of plans, part of which is copied directly from the minutes of a recent field council meeting.

Belem. We know many of you are already praying that God will bless the efforts of our missionaries as they seek to establish groups of believers around this strategic city of over a half million people. But they need help to accomplish the task. Also needed in the city of Belem is a radio ministry to add to the outreach of our entire work in the Belem-Amapa area. There is great need for a missionary to establish a youth ministry—to work with high-school and college youth in Belem and the surrounding area. Very little is being done in the north of Brazil to reach this important group of future lead-

ers. God is just as concerned for the souls of those who travel over the asphalt roads and cobblestone alleys of a Brazilian city as He is for those who must find their way through the maze of a Brazilian jungle and carry a spear instead of a book. Time after time I have encountered Brazilians who have come up through the public and private schools of the land and have later graduated from the institutes of higher learning, who have by and large rejected the religion of childhood years and are almost totally unaware of the real teachings of the Bible. Surely God has a man for this vital area of missionary service.

Brother and Sister Keith Altig are moving into a place that was once bypassed by our mission. At the time it appeared to be a static community with a limited future. Now it is developing into one of the fastest growing cities in the area. Meetings are in progress, and encouraging reports indicate that soon a congregation will be established in the town of Castanhal. This will help greatly to tie into closer fellowship our churches along the Belem-Brasilia highway.

On the north bank of the Amazon River, in the Macapa region, there exists a need to evangelize. Here a boat ministry could be very effective for the Lord. As you stand on the edge of that breathtaking scene and contemplate the hundreds of souls who live and work along the banks of that mighty river, the voice of the Lord can be heard resounding in your heart: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Where—yes, where among all of our churches is the dedicated, capable young man who has the fear of God in his heart, the talents and capabilities in his physical body, and the love for adventure and hardship in his soul, who would be pleased and honored to answer, "Here am I; send me?"

There are other needy ministries, such as an increased literature thrust and a Bible institute to train future pastors and evangelists. There is the constant need to man and expand the already existing works, and the challenge of establishing new churches, as at present the Schwartzes are doing in Capanema and the Johnsons in Macapa.

New apartments shows urban side of "unlimited Brazil"



What a thrill it was to see the way the Lord is blessing in the establishing of churches and congregations! Shortly after Brother Schneider and I stepped off the plane into the blazing tropical sun at Macapa, we were escorted by missionary George Johnson to a little prayer chapel in a suburb of the city. Here we found a Sunday school in progress under the direction of a Brazilian layman. Time permitted only short words of greeting and encouragement before we were whisked off to the opposite side of town. Walking across a narrow, wobbly boardwalk, past rows of unpainted wooden houses built on stilts to keep them out of the water at high tide, we finally stooped to pass through the doorway into one of the homes and there found a layman leading another Sunday school class. Again we had the joy of bringing words of greeting and encouragement and of participating in the service for a few minutes. The surroundings are not so lovely as our churches in the United States, the benches not so comfortable, the odors not so pleasant, and the dress not so chic. But the faith in Christ is just as real, the joy of the Lord just as wonderful, and Christian fellowship just as sweet.

Our missionaries are doing a tremendous job in an area that presents many problems. Living is not easy in the tropics. It is a struggle to purchase the staples of life, a struggle to be sure your food and drinking water are pure. There is the battle against insects, bugs, bats, scorpions, and sometimes even snakes. Then, there is the constant danger that one may pick up some of those living beings known as parasites, worms, and amoebae, which like to live on the inside of the human body and wear down its resistance and strength. Few escape the invasion of these insidious creatures; thus, health is impaired, service diminished, and the valuable missionary must be set aside for a time to regain his health. Yes, your missionaries need prayer—prayer that they might be wise and take the necessary precautions to guard their health, and prayer that God will protect them when such precautions are not possible.

Along with prayer, your missionaries need help: help to realize the ambitious plan they have outlined for the area of Brazil to which God has called The Brethren Church; help to make an impact for Christ where we now find our mission in operation; help to expand into the ever-increasing and challenging areas of Brazil. We praise the Lord that already some help is on the way. Two families, the George Wallaces and the Earle Hodgdons, will in the months ahead be leaving to enter language school and then to find their places in God's service. Also, the Eddie Miller family is returning, and will be able to enter the work immediately upon arriving in the country.

But this is only a beginning. Dare we dream of the day when there will be a series of Brethren churches along the Belem-Brasilia highway? Churches in some of the growing, prosperous communities of southern Brazil? Churches among the thousands of Japanese-speaking people? Yes, even congregations among some of the Indian tribes of Brazil? Dare we plan for the day when our churches pastored by Brazilian pastors, and our day schools guided by faithful, dedicated Brazilian teachers, will be sending a steady stream of eager students to enter our Bible institutes and prepare for the service of Christ? Surely The Brethren Church has the needed vision; and her young people, I am confident, have the necessary dedication to offer themselves for some of these "opportunities unlimited" in Brazil—"the land of the future." ▼

UNSHACKLED

--in Puerto Rico

By Rev. James Dickson

"I wish to tell you that I listen to your program 'Desencadenado' (Unshackled) and would like to have you send me the booklet, 'The Way of Life,' so that I may have it to read. I hope that you will send it as soon as possible."

"I just heard another of your programs, 'Desencadenado,' and would like to have a copy of your booklet, 'The Way of Life.' I have been passing through a time of deep mental anguish and need special prayer. Please have your church pray for me that I may find employment soon."

"I am a Christian and listen to your program each week and always receive a blessing. May the Lord bless you in this ministry for Him."

These are samples of the letters we have received in response to our weekly program, "Desencadenado." The program "Unshackled," sponsored by the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, Illinois, has long been a favorite of mine. I remember first hearing it in the winter of 1952-53 when I was a student at Grace College. "Unshackled" is a half-hour dramatized radio program based upon the life of someone who found that his life was being wasted and that Christ held the answer to his problems. Some were famous personalities like Billy Sunday and Mel Trotter; others were unknown; but all were transformed lives in Jesus Christ.

It was possible to purchase or rent tape recordings of any of these programs, and this I did on two occasions. They were excellent programs for devotions in young people's meetings or Sunday-school class parties. On one occasion I even went to the studio to see a live performance of one of the programs. It was the first radio program I had ever seen on a professional level.

Rev. James Dickson checks a tape . . .



After our seminary training we felt the Lord's leading to Puerto Rico. Here the cultural language is Spanish, and how I wished as I listened to our Spanish radio stations that a Spanish "Unshackled" program could be produced.

Then, to my pleasant surprise, one day in 1964 I learned that a group in Costa Rica was translating and producing "Unshackled" tapes in Spanish. Brother Douglas Starkweather, a missionary printer, had purchased a number of tapes, and one radio station was going to broadcast a tape each week. Our church purchased five or six tapes, and in addition to putting them on the air we used them from time to time in our meetings.

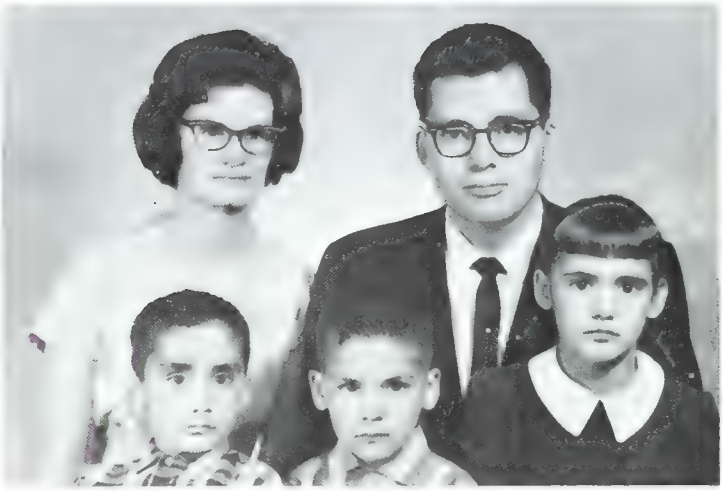
Almost a year ago Brother Starkweather returned to the States and we assumed the responsibility of continuing the broadcasts. They are now being beamed by two stations. They not only get the Gospel out, but help to advertise our church group as well. The radio station donates the half hour of radio time, we purchase the tapes for only a few dollars each, and we get a spot announcement before and after the program.

Just recently an anonymous brother in Christ from the First Brethren Church in Rittman, Ohio (Rev. Charles Turner, pastor), sent us a sizable gift with which to purchase some twenty additional tapes.

There is no reason why this broadcast could not be expanded to the other radio stations around the San Juan area and out into the island. The only problem is that a program director has to show an interest in a dramatic-type gospel program. Pray that more will do so, and that little by little this ministry will expand and redound to God's glory. ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Knowing Your Missionaries



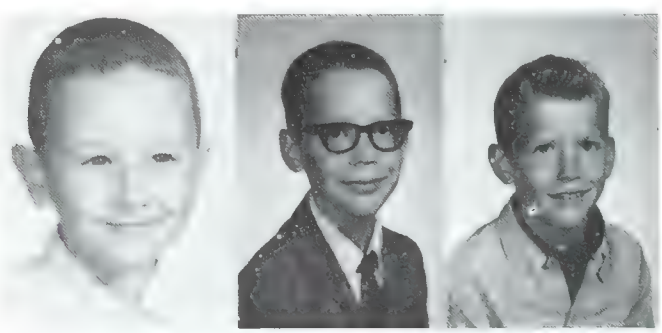


The Guerena family are serving the Lord in Mexico City. You can see the whole family here—Rev. Phillip Guerena and his wife, Amy, and the three children—left to right—Martin, Phil, Jr., and Lorita.

The other picture shows the Guerena children on "Children's Day," which in Mexico is a very special day. The kids wear costumes, if they wish, and at their schools they have feasts and other special activities. Don't you think it would be exciting to be a child in Mexico on Children's Day?

Missionary Helpers

Left to right: Wayne Daniels, Butler, Ohio (Ankenytown First Brethren Church); Daniel Peters and David Peters, Wooster, Ohio (First Brethren Church).



MARY MISSIONARY



We're Impressed With Africa!

By Rev. Edwin D. Johnson

"First impressions are lasting impressions," the saying goes, and having just recently arrived on our mission field in the Central African Republic we can attest to the truth of the adage. Already there are engraven in our minds and hearts impressions which we will carry with us forever. May we share some of these with you who by prayer and gifts have made our coming possible?

One of the first impressions is the realization that we are in a rapidly-changing land. Many of the wild animals which make for thrilling "narrow escape" stories have passed from the scene or have retreated so far into the bush that they are no longer seen from the road. As our plane rolled to a stop at Fort Lamy, capital city of the Chad, our five-year-old Mark commented, "I don't see any lions."

Africa is changing in many other ways, too. The inroads of outside influences are clearly seen; some changes from the outside world are good and some are not. With the industrialization of a nation comes the production of good products—and others which only increase the problems. Alcoholic beverages are an example of the latter. This impression is vivid because of the first trip I took after arriving here in Africa. I was with Harold Ball, the missionary-printer, and we were on our way back to Bangui from Fort Sibut. At a curve in the road we met a larger truck on our side of the road, traveling very fast (a feat in itself on these roads). There was a quick swerve in an attempt to avoid an almost certain head-on crash. Miraculously, the collision which did result caused no injuries and relatively minor damage to vehicles. The influence of alcohol on the other driver was very evident. And I had supposed that I had left the danger of such drivers behind me in the city streets of the United States! We are thankful our Lord is able to care for us wherever we are.

An important impression is that of the people themselves. We find them to be most friendly, especially the Christians. It has been a joy, though we've been unable to understand much of what was said, to attend a number of the churches out here and to join with them in the singing of God's praises and in the study of His Word. Our closest contact is with those in training at the Bible Institute, since we attend many classes with them in connection with our language study. It is thrilling to know that many of these men will continue on to become pastors and Christian workers here in Central Africa. The burden of all the missionary hearts is that more native Africans might sense the urgency of the hour and answer the calling of God to become servants for Him. Will you pray with us to this end?

There is also the impression of the missionary family that takes the new ones in and helps them over any hard places in making a multitude of adjustments to a new way of life. These folks have already made impressions on your hearts, I'm sure, as during furlough years they have visited your churches. Those we had not known before coming have already manifested real Christian love by many kind words and deeds.

The land itself is impression-giving, too. A land of beauty in many ways, and yet a land of desperate need as well. A land on which the natives are dependent for their gardens, which for the most part provide their food and crops to be sold. However, we know that the greatest need is not for better crops but rather for the harvesting of the souls of those who till the ground. As you ride by village after village you see many without a chapel or church, and perhaps not a single Christian resident, much less a Christian worker. Though the need is great, we praise God for the faithful native pastors and workers who are "about the Father's business." You will meet them at the Bema Seat of Christ when they receive their "well done."

We are impressed with Central Africa, with what it has and with what it needs. Can it be that God is trying to impress your heart with Africa? For service as a missionary? As a consistent prayer warrior? As a faithful supporter in a material way of God's program in the Central African Republic? ▼

The Johnsons Tell Their First Impressions . . .



Front Line Focus

--FMS World News of the Month--

New Work Begins in Tchad

BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kliever arrived here on June 15 and immediately proceeded to gather together the equipment which they will need to begin their new assignment in the Tchad, working out from the mission station at N'Zoro.

After several days in Bangui, Mr. Kliever wrote to the FMS office as follows:

"There has been a run on pickups here in Bangui, and so it looked like a wait to get a car, but the Lord apparently knew all about it. There is a secondhand Volkswagen Microbus (Kombi) that has traveled ten thousand miles, has all kinds of extras, is equipped for camping, and seems to suit our nomadic type of work as it seems we will be traveling among the people. I am enclosing a couple of snaps for what they are worth, so you can see a little of what is possible. The side tent with poles, ropes, and all, the full-length luggage rack permitting 'upstairs' sleeping, if desired, with the inside fixed for sleeping and eating. Oh, yes, it has a ladder, lightweight metal that makes it possible to go upstairs easily! We don't know whether to name it or not—I had thought of Kliever-Kamper, Kliever-Karouser, Kliever-Karavan—or the Tchad Tchariot, and so on!



—Kliever in new truck

"For the moment, we have arrived, we have our vehicle, and we are getting ready to do what we can as the Lord grants wisdom, health, and open doors. Pray for us!"

Another Revolt Hits Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. For the fourth time in 11 years, the military forces have taken over the government of Argentina. On June 28 the government headed by Arturo Illia toppled from its unsteady foundation. Lieutenant General Juan Carlos Ongania, former army commander-in-chief, took power through a ruling junta.

According to *U.S. News and World Report,* "Army spokesmen charged that Illia had proved unable to cope with a situation of mounting inflation and political extremism."

The takeover of the president's quarters in Casa Rosada ("Rose House") was by means of a sudden and bloodless coup.

No problems have arisen on the part of U.S. citizens in Argentina. Brethren missionaries have reported absolutely no trouble or difficulty on their part as a result of this change in government.

Missionaries To Return to Latin America

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller and two sons, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cover and four children are scheduled to sail about August 17 aboard a Japanese ship, the *Sakura Maru.* When the ship docks at Belem, Brazil, the Millers will have arrived back on their field of duty. The Covers will take advantage of the opportunity for a glimpse of the Brethren work in Brazil, and then will continue their voyage to Buenos Aires, where they will disembark to return to their service as missionaries in Argentina.

Construction Moves at a Heavy Pace



Balzer and workman

YALOKE, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Mr. Albert Balzer, missionary builder, is hoping to close out his work for this term in time to depart for furlough in the U.S. in early August. He reports:

"We are trying to finish up. We have 43 of the small libraries (bookstores) spread around. Have three buildings here at Yaloke to finish, with the Tchad's four buildings nearing completion, plus five churches which are in the finishing stages. So if we don't make it by the first week in August, you will understand.

"The Lord has been good to us and the work here. Souls are being saved all the time and the church is going forward. Elsie's (Mrs. Balzer's) work has been very fruitful in the villages. One day last week there were 22 who came out for the Lord, 20 of these being first-time confessions."

National Pastors Hold Retreat

BOSSANGOA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. A three-day retreat for ten missionary men and 42 African pastors was held near here recently, on an island in the middle of the Ouham river. The scene of the retreat was christened the "Isle of Patmos." Rev. Martin Garber was in charge of arrangements, and he and a group of Africans spent two days clearing away the brush and setting up the camp site.

Days began with 6 a.m. prayer meetings, followed by breakfast, morning devotions featuring special speakers, and seminars concerning different aspects of the work. Afternoons were free for recreation, and a Bible hour was held each evening.

In spite of daily rains, all agreed that a most profitable time had been spent, and another such retreat is anticipated next year.

Hawaii Quiz Champs Include Brethren Girls

AIEA, HAWAII. The Aiea team, winners of this year's Youth for Christ Bible quiz in the Hawaiian Islands, journeyed to Winona Lake, Indiana, for the Youth for Christ International convention in early July. On the team were two girls from the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (Rev. Edmund Leech, missionary)—Miss Carol Chung, top quizzer, and Miss Jeannette Araki. During their time in Winona Lake the girls stayed in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers. Although the Hawaii team did not qualify in the YFC finals, the trip and the convention were great experiences for Carol and Jeannette.

Catholics Attack Mission Conference

CHICAGO, ILL. (MNS). "Roman Catholics intoxicated with ecumenical euphoria will be shocked by this declaration, but we have to face up to it as a fact of life in 1966," said John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., writing about the Wheaton Declaration in *The New World* (May 20, 1966).

Acknowledging the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission as the largest planning conference of Protestant missionaries ever to be held in North America, Father Sheerin noted that the sponsoring associations do not work with the World Council of Churches.

"The declaration is certainly out of tune with the ecumenical movement," he said, "and yet I feel that in this document the conservative evangelicals are laying a salutary stress on two very important features of Christian teaching. They are emphasizing the need of preserving the purity of the Gospel and the need of increasing missionary zeal. There are some ecumenists, both Catholic and Protestant, who are not sufficiently concerned about preserving intact the pure Gospel."

He conceded that "syncretism is also a hazard and I heartily agree with the Wheaton Declaration when it says that great clarity must be sought in presenting the uniqueness of Christ."

Father Sheerin regretted that "the missionaries at Wheaton failed to see Christian disunity as one obstacle to mission work."

CHURCH NEWS

CONEMAUGH, PA. Clair Gartland, pastor of the Pike Brethren Church, has resigned and accepted a call to the Kittanning, Pa., First Brethren Church. Rev. Gartland, who served the Pike church for 22 years, will assume his new pastorate after national conference.

WINONA, MINN. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farner, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Joy, July 20, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. The Farners served during the past two years as dormitory supervisors for Grace College, and this summer are helping in the Brethren church at Winona, Minn. Donald Farner, Sr., pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN. Rev. Lester Kennedy at his last service as pastor of the Vernon Brethren Church June 26 held an installation service for the new pastor, Quentin Matthes. In the recent Vacation Bible School there were 16 first-time decisions for Christ and an average attendance of 120.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The Tom McDairmant family, Brethren missionaries under appointment to Africa, took part in the services of the Clayton Brethren Church Sunday, June 19. William Howard, pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH. Mrs. Mary Roush was director of this year's Vacation Bible School at the First Brethren Church, held June 13-24. Average attendance was 33. The missionary project offering of more than $30 was given to the Brethren work in Puerto Rico. Ten children accepted Christ as Saviour. David Thompson, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. A male quartet from Prairie Bible Institute presented the evening service at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church June 5. Special speakers during July included Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Seville, Ohio, and Rev. Russell Ogden, Akron, Ohio. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Rev. Emory Shahan, oldest ordained member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, has been quite ill for about three months; he will be 102 years of age on Oct. 9. His pastor, Paul Mohler, suggests that Rev. Shahan would appreciate hearing from his fellow ministers; his address is 104½ Ridenour St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Evangelist Ron Thompson held a successful week of evangelistic meetings June 20-26 in the First Brethren Church of Grafton. Pastor Mohler reports both first-time decisions and a number of rededications. He has been called unanimously to serve as pastor for another year, with an increase in salary.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. Mark Malles has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church here after a ministry of nearly 12 years. He has accepted a call to the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., effective Sept. 1.

FORT LEWIS, WASH. Chaplain Emlyn Jones was recently reassigned to the 26th General Support Group, which is forming in Fort Lewis for deployment to a restricted area in Southeast Asia sometime this fall. For the month of August he was assigned to the U.S. Army Chaplain School, and during September he plans to be in the eastern Pennsylvania area enjoying a leave of absence.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Bray, 7591 Don Dr., Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647. Chaplain (Major) Burton Hatch, 5529 Atlas St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90032. Chaplain John Schumacher, 300½ 13th St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Rev. and Mrs. Alva Steffler, 100 Canfield St., Johnstown, Pa. 15904. Rev. and Mrs. Wendell England, 205½ Kelly St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Fink, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind. 46580. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Jensen, 2937 Westbrook Dr., Apt. 214, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Tel. 484-1376). Rev. and Mrs. Knute Larson, 786 Western Ave., Wooster, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, Nevada Gardens, Apt. 3B, 475 Spring St., Nevada City, Calif. 95959 (Tel. 916-265-5254).

LANSING, MICH. For the Sunday morning service May 26, the Grace Brethren Church enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Paul Beckwith. Associated for many years with evangelist and gospel singer Homer Hammontree, Rev. Beckwith is now on the staff of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Randall Poyner, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Construction is proceeding well on the new building of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church. Two members of the church family, Fred and Beth McNelly, have been accepted for service at the Brethren Navajo Mission Boarding School, where they will serve as dorm parents. Russell Ward, pastor.

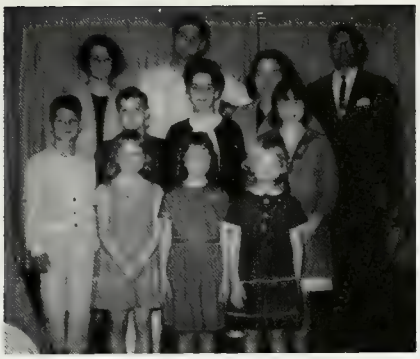
GOSHEN, IND. James Kennedy has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church and has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Two special services were held at First Brethren Church on Sunday, July 10; in the morning Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Grace College, spoke on "The Plan for World Education," and in the evening the Billy Graham film "Man in the Fifth Dimension" was presented. Richard DeArmey, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Scott Weaver as a full-time member of its staff. Mr. Weaver will serve



as the second evangelist under the direction of the board. He will begin his ministry Jan. 1, 1967 after he and his wife, Betty, spend the fall months in Africa conducting evangelistic crusades. Rev. Weaver has just completed 13 years as pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.



BOTHELL, WASH. The first baptismal service was held in the air dome of the Grace Brethren Bible Church June 12 when nine, pictured above with Pastor Clarence Green, right, were baptized and taken into the membership. Among this number was a family of six. A portable baptistry lined with plastic was made by the pastor for this service. The first Vacation Bible School was well attended with 81 enrolled. Many of the parents who attended the closing program were prospects for the church, and several have begun attending the services. During VBS week the ACT (Active Christian Teens) held a teen visitation night, with the result that three new young people were in Sunday school the following Sunday.

DAYTON, OHIO. The congrega- of the First Brethren Church recently approved preliminary plans for a building expansion; this is to include additional Sunday-school classrooms, a large meeting place, and an enlarged pastor's office. Forrest Jackson is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Speaker for both the morning and evening services at the Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, June 26, was Rev. Conard Sandy, founder and former pastor of the church. Charles Martin, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. A new home department of the Sunday school for shut-ins and others unable to attend is being started by the Grace Brethren Church. The annual church picnic was held July 15 with a number of missionaries from Winona Lake, Ind., as special guests; Rev. John Zielasko was speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held a stewardship conference here in July. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Gloria Veith, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, was one of the national winners in the YFC teen talent contest held this summer at Winona Lake, Ind. Gloria, with her violin, placed first in the strings and woodwinds category. She was the only national winner from Ohio. With other winners she toured the eastern United States July 15-24. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking and their four boys, missionary family from Africa, took part in the Sunday evening service at the First Brethren Church on July 3. The following Sunday Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., son of a former pastor, presented the evening message. W. A. Ogden, pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Dan Grabill, national youth director, and James Hoffmeyer, from Meyersdale, Pa., were guest speakers at the First Brethren Church July 3. True Hunt, pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Richard P. DeArmey has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church effective Oct. 16, to accept the call to become pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind. Pastor DeArmey has served the Inglewood church for nearly five years.



HARRISBURG, PA. The Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church held a mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, July 17, to celebrate the fact that all the church properties were free of indebtedness. They hope soon to announce their ground-breaking service. Pictured above are, left to right: Pastor Earle Peer; Donald Byers, charter member; and Arthur Stoner and Paul Goodman, trustees. During the evening service that day nine persons were baptized.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE NEWS

Ministerium Prayer Meeting

Each morning at 6:30 a.m., ministers will meet for prayer in Grace Seminary Chapel.

Nursery Provided

During the morning and evening conference sessions, a nursery will be provided.

Planned Morning Program

For children up through junior age, a planned morning program will be provided Tuesday through Saturday.

Missionary Helpers Club

Aunt Alys Haag will conduct Missionary Helpers Club meetings (ages 6 to 12) each evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in McClain Hall.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sally Lopez and Roger Johnson, May 14, First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

Dianne Avery and Dean Lanouette, June 12, First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

Irene Vom Bruch and Walter F. McPheeters, June 18, Lakewood, Calif.

Judith Ann Hare and Douglas Lynn Custer, June 25, Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Jane Aeby and Thomas Grady, July 1, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

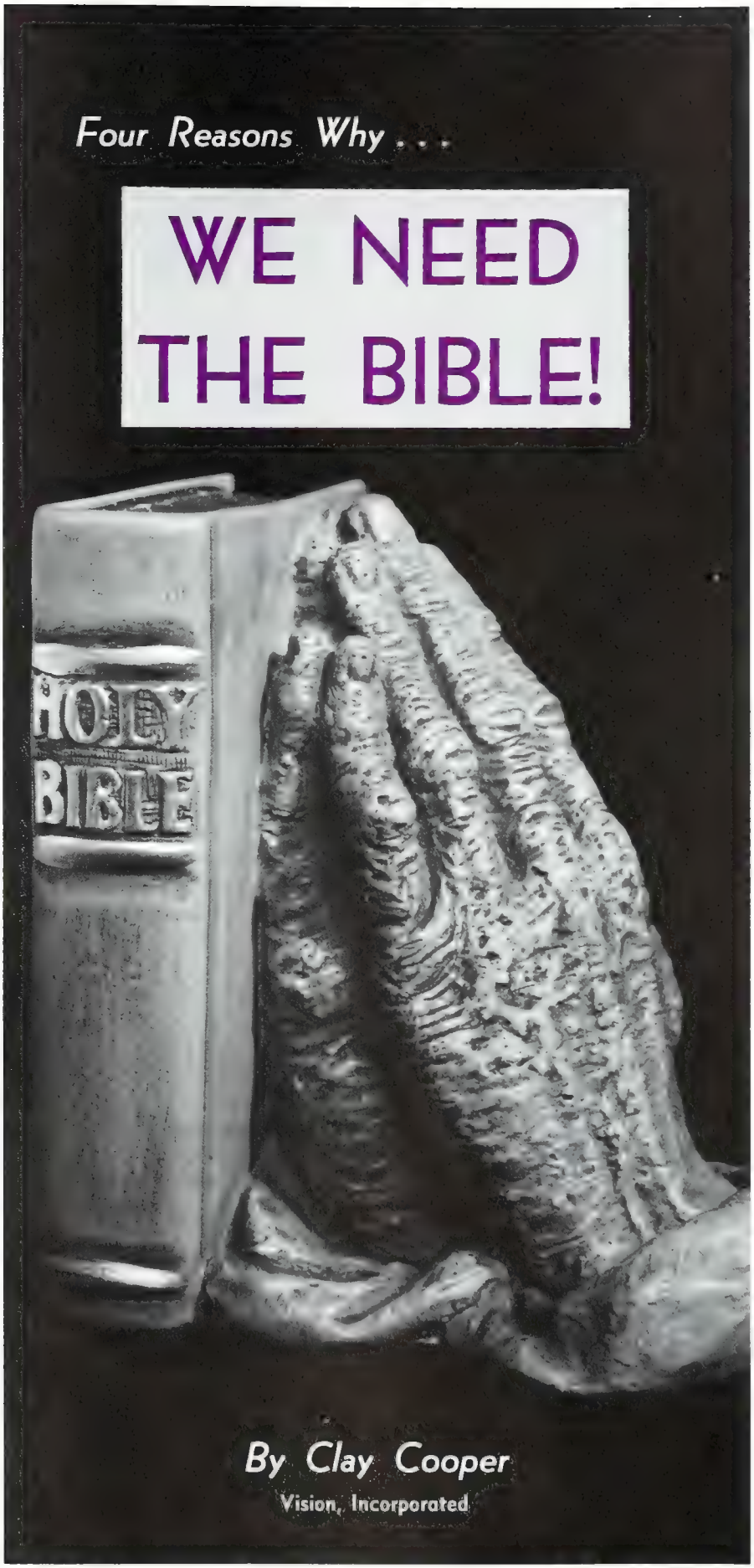
Dianne Beers and Charles Haight, July 1, Grace Brethren Church, Sacramento, Calif.

Barbara Reas and Ken Cunningham, July 1, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Betty Antelman and William Erlenmeyer, July 16, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Carolyn Hotzell and Jerry Hill, July 16, First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

Cheryl Ann Weirbach and David William Shargel, July 22, Westminster Brethren Church, Westminster, Calif.



Two attorneys, both equally aware of our growing moral decadence, sharply disagreed on how to reverse the trend. One proposed widespread application of the Ten Commandments. The other mocked, "They're just a set of worn-out customs."

After being challenged to reread them (Exod. 20:1-17) and to pick out any that could be discarded without endangering human rights, homes, schools, institutions and basic freedoms the skeptic later conceded, "I've been racking my brains to find just one of those commandments we could do without and still keep things going. But there's not one you can drop and still expect men to act like human beings."

What's true of the Decalogue is true of the whole Bible. It's relevant. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17).

Reason One:
The Bible—Profitable for Instruction

John Quincy Adams did not hesitate to affirm, "The first and almost only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. I speak as a man of the world . . . and I say to you, 'Search the Scriptures.'" In his *Diary* (Sept. 26, 1810) the sixth President of the United States made this entry: "I have made it a practice for several years to read the Bible through in the course of every year. I usually devote to this reading the first hour after I rise every morning."

"Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy" is a triad loaded with meaning.

"Read it to be wise. . . ." President Herbert Hoover paid the Bible a tribute on this point: "There is no other book so various as the Bible, nor one so full of concentrated wisdom." *It instructs the mind.*

"Believe it to be safe. . . ." The apostle Paul taught, "The holy scriptures . . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15). *It teaches the soul.*

"Live it to be holy. . . ." Abraham Lincoln found the Bible something

to live by. "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible," he wrote. "Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man." *It relates time and eternity.*

"I am a Bible-bigot," wrote John Wesley in his *Journal* (June 2, 1766). "I follow it in all things, both great and small." Do we? If not, why not?

Reason Two:
The Bible—Powerful in Influence

William Lyon Phelps, the early American educator, felt that every copy of the Scriptures ought to have written on its cover these words: "Highly explosive! Handle with care."

The Bible is not static. It condones or it condemns. It illuminates or incinerates. It is never unproductive. Sin may keep a man from this Book, but when applied, this Book will keep a man from sin.

As with a man, so with a nation. Here the weight of the open Bible is incalculable by the very judgment of men in high places, present and past. Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl contends, "If we are to win the cold war we must get back to God, and and to get back to God we must get back to the Bible." It can save us from catastrophe.

It is sheer tragedy that a nation such as ours, molded into greatness by this instrument, should now find itself making nearly every official judgment against it. We could learn much from emerging Africa. The government of Ghana recently placed an order in London for five hundred thousand Bibles to be used as text books in every public school in the republic of seven million people.

So much a part of the warp and woof of developing America was the Bible that Andrew Jackson affirmed, "That Book, Sir, is the rock upon which our Republic rests."

Reason Three:
The Bible—Purifier of the Life

"Now are ye clean through the word. . . ." Dr. Carl G. Morlock, professor of clinical medicine in the Mayo Foundation and consultant in internal medicine at the world-famous clinic, testifies: "I try to set aside some portion of each day for Bible reading and prayer. When, however, the press of work crowds out time that should be given to these matters, I find that *my personal life suffers.* The Bible is a secure guide for living in a world which seems to be ever more uncertain of what is best in human conduct."

It is the authority when we seek for light on spiritual regeneration. Here we learn how old things pass away and all things become new (II Cor. 5:17). Greek mythology may tell us how Circe, with her magic wand, turned men into swine, but the Bible is the only authority on how swine are turned into men. "I don't want to read the Bible, that is, not yet," said an inebriate still in love with his sin, "for I know what it will do to me."

Let's quote presidents again: "I have always said, and will always say, that the studious perusal of the sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, better husbands" (Thomas Jefferson). "When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty" (Woodrow Wilson). "Its words constantly influence my thoughts, words and deeds . . . in all areas of life. I memorize and repeat it daily" (Herbert Taylor, past president of Rotary International).

Reason Four:
The Bible—Provisions for the Soul

"Man shall not live by bread alone. . . ." It is said that Alexander slept with Homer's *Iliad* under his pillow; even the great conqueror needed something more than swords and soldiers. When will we learn, in this age of affluence and militaristic might, that our destiny is not wrapped up in guns or butter, or even guns *and* butter.

". . . But by every word of God." Billy Graham says, "Through the years of experience I have learned that it is far better to miss breakfast than to forego a session with His Word. Not that the Bible is some kind of a religious fetish which brings good fortune, but that I myself lack decisiveness and purpose and guidance when I neglect what is more important than my necessary food." "Brown bread and the Gospels is good fare," goes the English Puritan saying.

When one is born again, becomes spiritually alive, he discovers his need of spiritual groceries. Suddenly "that old Book" is no longer a manual; it is meat and drink. The testimony of those who receive strength and stamina from it is universal. Even the most saintly must feed upon it.

Paul, a prisoner in a dank Roman dungeon, wrote his friend Timothy, "The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments" (II Tim. 4:13). The cloak he needed for the body, the books for the mind, and the parchments (Scriptures) for the spirit. "*Especially the parchments.*" Do we put this emphasis on the soul food? We should.

Summary

"The Bible reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories true, its decisions immutable.

"It contains light to direct you, food to support you, comfort to cheer you. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure.

"Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened, hell is disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, the glory of God its end.

"It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment and remembered forever. It rebukes the slightest sin, woos the greatest sinner, wins the hardest heart.

"It offers protection in infancy, happiness in childhood, inspiration in youth, strength for maturity, assurance for old age, comfort in death, and salvation and riches, glory and reward for all eternity" (A. F. Miller).

This Holy Book I'd rather own than all the gold and gems
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone, than all their diadems.
Nay, were the seas one chrysolite, the earth one golden ball,
And diamonds all the stars of night, this Book were worth them all;
For here a blessed balm appears to heal the deepest woe,
And those who read this Book in tears, their tears shall cease to flow.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift . . . the Bible! ▼



By Evelyn Tschetter
Senior, Grace Seminary

In Everything . . .

Give Thanks!

"This has been a terrible day. Everything went wrong," Anne thought as she unlocked her door and entered her apartment after her day's work. All through supper she sat there in a gloomy mood, rehearsing in her mind the frustrating events of the day. Doing her dishes, she broke a plate to add to her woes.

Feeling very glum, she thought, "I guess I'd better have my devotions for today. Maybe that will raise my spirits a little." Anne had been reading through the New Testament, and her chapter this evening was I Thessalonians 5. As she browsed through the chapter, her eyes picked up the imprint of the words, but her mind was on other things—until she came to verse 18, and suddenly it really hit her.

"In everything give thanks. . . ."

"In everything?" she thought. "Even when I missed my bus this morning because of that last-minute phone call, and had to stand in the rain 15 minutes longer and was late for work? When the careless driver splashed muddy water all over my coat just back from the cleaners? When the boss laid me out for misplacing those important papers someone else had filed? . . . Well, let me read a little further. Maybe it really doesn't mean *everything*."

". . . for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

"Does that mean I am going against the will of God when I am not thankful?"

Does it? I have asked myself this question, and have come to the conclusion that if we cannot be thankful about everything we are not really surrendered to the will of God. Let me explain what I mean. A prominent theologian gives three areas of yieldedness: first, to the Word of God; second, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and third, to acts of Providence. These providential acts include every circumstance that God allows to happen in our lives, and each of them has a purpose—be it development of patience, self-control, or what have you, the ultimate goal of these annoyances is to make us more righteous and holy, to mold us into the image of Christ. If we cannot give thanks for these things, we are not really surrendered to His plan and working in our lives. Nor are we letting God operate to accomplish His purpose in our lives. Righteousness results from chastening only to those who are "exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11). Do we actually believe that "all things work together for good" to us as Christians (Rom. 8:28), that God knows best, even in the "little" things?

Yes, that is what they are, just "little" things. Yet in the lives of many of us as Christians it is these "little" things that defeat us. We do not live the victorious, triumphant life moment by moment.

What about the "big" things? Are we to give thanks when we are laid off work, when we are suffering from a prolonged, painful illness, when a child of ours dies? Bill Bright says that sometimes we must say "Thank you" through our tears, but we must say "Thank you." Even if we do not realize the purpose of the event at the time, we must consciously make the indication of our submission to the will of the Lord.

The New Testament is full of exhortations to give thanks. We are to give thanks whether we eat or do not eat (Rom. 14:6), and with our prayers (Phil. 4:6); but Colossians 3:17 just about covers the subject: we are to give thanks in whatever we do.

I realize that this is not as easy as it may seem. Although this command has been forcibly impressed upon me this year, it is a constant battle to put the principle into practice in my life. Sometimes I live for a day or days with resentment instead of thankfulness for some hard-to-bear incident that God has brought into my life, but I am thankful for the Lord's forgiving grace. All we have to do is come to Him, confess that we have been ungrateful and rebellious against His will; and He will forgive us and restore our peace and joy. When we think of all He has done for us, it is not so hard to be always thankful.

The attitude of the New Testament Christians was characterized by thankfulness and rejoicing in whatever they did. The apostles rejoiced that they were "counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:41). Paul rejoiced in everything that happened to him. Let us also endeavor to follow the will of God in this matter, and "in everything give thanks." ▼

Twelve Brethren chaplains are currently ministering to men in the armed forces . . .

"Chaplain, There's a Man I Want You To See"

By Chaplain (Capt.) John W. Schumacher



Chaplain (Capt.) Carlton J. Fuller, currently stationed in Alaska, is shown above in a typical counseling session with one of the men in his outfit.

Twice now I have had the overwhelmingly joyous experience of seeing brought into this world two precious bundles that would bear my name: my own children. I have fumbled with inexpressible gratitude to thank my Lord for the joy that came from knowing a child had been born that was mine—indeed, on consignment from Heaven.

No joy could possibly parallel this, except for experiences similar to the one that came my way only a short time ago.

A young medical service officer had come to me with this request: "Chaplain, there's a young man I want you to see." I had gained this Lieutenant's friendship over a period of time, and though I saw little appetite for spiritual things, still I thanked the Lord that he expressed enough confidence to send one of his men in my direction. For any chaplain such requests come often. Stories of almost hopelessly complicated problems are often related to us, and we grope for guidance to give the counsel that will begin the process of "untangling."

My assistant and I climbed into the open jeep given to us for our field training, in which we are presently engaged. We journeyed on once-dusty roads—now slimy mud as a result of a heavy downpour that drenched not only the roads but jeep and occupants as well. I pondered as we journeyed from our home campsite to a sister campsite. What would it be this time? Would I be able to help? Would this fellow be the least bit receptive to spiritual counsel?

We arrived and I stopped at the "Aid" station to see if I could make contact with the man. I was told that he was waiting in the chapel tent. "We can't help him; maybe you can," commented his First Sergeant. "Maybe I can't—but I'll try," I replied, thinking, however, of other counseling sessions that had left me shaking my head and wondering. . . .

He twisted his cap in his hands as he haltingly unfolded a story of tragedy, sorrow, and gross misfortune. He had married. Unfaithfulness and a runaway wife had literally crushed him. He had wandered for nearly two years in almost hopeless despair. Now on top of all this there would soon be a child born to him and another young woman.

We discussed the possibilities open to him. Then I began, leaning heavily on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to tell him of the salvation, the love and forgiveness he could know through personal faith in Jesus Christ. After some further counsel and quiet waiting on the Holy Spirit to do His work, we quietly bowed our heads and he crudely, but very sincerely, asked the Lord to forgive him—to take what was left of the tangled web of his life.

Mine was the joy to see a trembling soul take a feeble but definite step to clasp the hand of the Master.

"Chaplain, there's a man I want you to see" had been my invitation to see a new life born into the family of the redeemed . . . and I humbly praised the Lord. ▼

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GREENLUN, Robert M., 86, passed away May 29 after a long illness. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, and had been a deacon and Sunday-school teacher.

Jack Peters, pastor.

BROWN, Mrs. Helen, 85, died on the morning of July 8 after a lingering illness. She became a member of the First Brethren Church of Compton, Calif., in 1953, and served faithfully and well in the choir and as a member of the official board. Memorial services were held July 11 at the First Brethren Church of Compton. Edwin Cashman, pastor.

BANZHAF, Mrs. Carrie, 76, passed away June 24. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert Griffith, pastor.

ADAMS, William Chester, 69, a long-time, faithful member of the Vernon Brethren Church of Limestone, Tenn., died June 28. Services were conducted by Rev. Lester Kennedy and Rev. Quentin Matthes.

Lester Kennedy, pastor.

CARTWRIGHT, Nellie, a charter member of the Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn., died July 1. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

WENGER, Charles, 87, a member of the Englewood, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, died recently after about five months' illness. Services were held by Lon Karns, pastor.

The Most Important Office



By Mrs. Phyllis Smith

(Wife of Rev. Bill Smith, Director of the Board of Evangelism)

Many WMC women have recently been elected or appointed to new offices in their local or district councils. A brand new year full of challenges and opportunities in our many councils across the United States looms very large before us. Much for our Lord can and will be accomplished this next year through our many local and district WMC's.

How gracious of the Lord to have given you a place of real service in an organization that was formed and is in existence for the purpose of furthering His work and bringing glory to His name! God has put you in the place and area where He feels you can best serve.

What are your thoughts as you approach this year of opportunity? Perhaps you have said or thought, "Well, my particular office in WMC isn't the most important one." "Whether we have a good WMC or not this year actually depends on the president, because she is the one who leads us." Or, "It really hinges on whether the project chairman has interesting enough projects to really challenge us and get us to work." Or, "I think if the prayer chairman does her job right, we'll have a successful year." Maybe statements like these do have a small amount of truth in them; but this year consider *your* office as the *most important* one in WMC. If you don't fill it to the very best of your ability, your council will fail and be a "flop."

There are a number of insignificant people in the Bible, but if they had not been where they should have been or done what God had for them to do, the cause of Christ in that particular case would have failed. For instance, in Philippians 4:18 we read of Epaphroditus, who brought provisions to Paul that sustained him and gave him strength to preach the Word of God and thereby win many to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jehoshabeath, who is mentioned in II Chronicles 22, kept little Joash from being killed by his wicked grandmother by hiding him in the house of God for six years. Joash later became a godly ruler of the Israelites.

We read in I Samuel 14:7 of Jonathan's armor-bearer, who told Jonathan that no matter where he went or what he did, he would stay by Jonathan's side to help him.

Many other obscure people are mentioned in the Bible, but we never hear sermons preached about them as we do about Moses, David, Gideon, Paul or Peter.

In our day most people in the Christian world have heard of Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Walter Wilson, Dr. Alva J. McClain, and Dr. Paul Carlson. However, there are thousands today who are enthusiastically working for the Lord and doing a wonderful work in the place where God has put them, people of whom we'll never know.

You may never be famous with man, but you can be famous with God if you do your part with all your might. No one else has your particular opportunities this coming year.

You ask, "How can this be accomplished? How can I do my job to the best of my ability?"

There is a formula that guarantees success if followed.

1. *Be enthusiastic.* The head of the education department in the college I attended said one day, "Girls, as you go out to teach, if you don't remember anything else I have told you, remember this. Be enthusiastic! Enthusiasm is catching." The Lord knew this, because He admonished us in Colossians 3:23, "*Whatsoever* ye do, do it *heartily*, as to the Lord."

2. *Be faithful.* I have heard it said about certain women, "She would be a good officer but she just isn't faithful. You can't depend on her." Be dependable and faithful in your office. Remember Matthew 25:21, which says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." If we want the Lord's commendation, we must be faithful.

3. *Be dedicated.* Romans 12:1 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." As this WMC years begins, dedicate yourself anew to the Lord. Give yourself completely to Him to be used where He has put you.

May God help you work for Him in WMC this year.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). ▼

Together

Together every one of His, as precious,
blood-bought souls,

Should seek to serve our Lord in His
appointed way.

And though we each alone are racing on
toward heavenly goals,

Together, in His strength, we walk and
work and pray.

—By Ulysses L. Gingrich



The Time To Pray

By Dr. R. A. Torrey

If we would know the fullness of blessing in the prayer life, it is important not only that we pray in the right way but also that we pray at the right time. We note Christ's example.

"And *in the morning*, rising up *a great while before day*, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Many of the mightiest men of God have followed the Lord's example in this. In the morning hour when the mind is fresh, free from distraction, concentration is possible for effective praying. Here we get victory before the hour of trial and temptation.

"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued *all night* in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). Nights of prayer to God are followed by days of power with men. If we set apart the whole night for prayer there will be no hurry; there will be time for our hearts to become quiet before God and the mind to be brought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ prayed *before all the great crises in His earthly life*. He prayed before choosing the 12 disciples, before the Sermon on the Mount, before starting out on an evangelistic tour, before His anointing with the Holy Spirit and His entrance upon His public ministry, before announcing to the Twelve His approaching death, before the great consummation of His life at the cross. He prepared for every crisis by a protracted season of prayer.

He also prayed *after His great achievements and important crises*. When He fed the five thousand and the multitude wanted to make Him king, "He went up into the mountain apart to pray" (cp. Matt. 14:23; John 6:15). So He went from victory to victory.

Jesus Christ gave a special time to prayer *when life was unusually busy*. The busier Christ's life was, the more He prayed. Sometimes He had no time to eat (Mark 3:20), sometimes He had no time for needed rest and sleep (Mark 6:31, 33, 46), but He always took time to pray.

Jesus Christ prayed *before the great temptations of His life*. He came "unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder" (Matt. 26:36). The calm majesty of His bearing in meeting the awful onslaughts of Pilate's judgment hall and of Calvary was the outcome of the victory of Gethsemane.

"Pray *without ceasing*" (I Thess. 5:17). "Praying *at all seasons*" (Eph. 6:18, RV). Our whole life should be a life of prayer. We should walk so habitually in His presence that even when we awaken in the night it would be the most natural thing for us to speak to Him in thanksgiving or in petition. ▼

By Mrs. Norman Uphouse

Dean of Women
Grace College



Your Most Valuable Possession

An ancient Roman empress was asked to display her most valuable jewels. Without hesitation she called a servant and asked him to bring in her children. "These," she said emphatically, "are my most valuable jewels."

How can a Christian mother help her daughter, her most priceless jewel, to mature, grow and develop into a wholesome, well-adjusted, God-fearing Christian woman?

One way is to give serious and prayerful attention to all phases of the daughter's development—including her education.

In my opinion, the best and broadest education a young woman can get is a Christian education. Not only are all academic areas studied in a Christian college, but also a more indispensible area is added—that of faith and spiritual values.

Here are some ways mothers can help their daughters (and sons, too) adjust to Christian education in a Christian college. Remember, the mother cannot do the adjusting; she can only ease the way for her child.

Teach your daughter to trust the Lord for daily strength and wisdom.

The student who has been trained to keep in daily contact with the Lord God of heaven is most fortunate. Although campuses abound with counselors, there will be times when your daughter will have needs and pressures she feels she can discuss with no one. Has she been taught, by your word and example, to call upon the Lord? Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3). This passage urges all who call upon the Lord in trouble to expect marvelous results. What a rich heritage for a daughter to have had this kind of training!

Teach your daughter to respect authority.

On the college campus there are all kinds and degrees of authority . . . student authority, administrative authority, academic authority and occasional civil authority. If your daughter has been taught by you to respect those over her, she will have little difficulty in adjusting. This does not mean that she should be opinionless and agree blindly to every regulation. But if she has been taught to expect regulations because these characterize orderly living, she will be far ahead of the girl who spends her time trying to flaunt authority. Explain to your daughter that if a regulation seems to be unreasonable or unnecessary, there is a proper way to investigate and evaluate that regulation and to see about modifying or changing it.

Teach your daughter to get along with others.

Many fine young people have trouble with peers. Good personal-social relations are as important a part of college life as are academics. Teach your daughter to respect the rights of others and to put herself in the "shoes" of another. If she does this, her final judgments will be fair and just. Explain to her that she will learn much from listening to and evaluating the ideas of others.

Teach your daughter to be able to take care of herself.

She will need to know how to do certain chores for herself. Also, she needs some know-how in taking care of her possessions. Ask yourself the following questions:

Can she wash and iron her own clothes?

Does she know how to take care of her nylons and synthetics?

Can she clean a bathroom?

Does she pick up without being told?

Does she practice good grooming and keep herself sweet and clean?

Give your daughter some training in making her own decisions.

Perhaps she always has asked your opinion. Give her an opportunity now to be on her own and make a few decisions. Then help her to evaluate these decisions and see how she can improve. The three areas of decision-making that usually confront the college freshman are: (1) dating (teach her to use her head as well as her heart); (2) money (teach her to budget); and (3) use of time (teach her to use time well—to budget between social life and academics).

Going away to school and living in a "group situation" is an important part of your daughter's education. It includes educating the whole person. Parents can help young people make a satisfactory adjustment to college life by directing them to remember daily their commitment to the Lord and to seek the Lord's direction in every phase of college life.

Finally, the daughter whose mother prays for her every day is a fortunate young lady. ▼

Dare To Be Different

By Miss Mary Emmert

In II Chronicles 20:35-37 we read of the destruction of the ships of good King Jehoshaphat. He lost his ships because he sent them to Tarshish, not having been careful in his choice of a business partner. He had at first refused Ahaziah (I Kings 22:49) but later gave in (probably after having been called something equivalent to "square"). He soon found that the child of God is in grave danger when he chooses the wrong companions.

The Africans tell of a certain kind of bird that is easily trapped. You need only smear a thick glue on a branch where these birds like to roost. The first bird roosts on the branch, fluttering and chirping as he tries to get loose. His excitement attracts other birds, who come to see what all the commotion is about. The loud twittering, instead of being a warning, has proven to be an allurement to death. Soon the whole branch is full of birds, stuck fast, doing the "bird twist" to be freed.

Many people are no wiser as they follow the crowd, being called into trouble by others who have already been trapped. If you will not follow, they call you "yellow," or "chicken." These so-called friends are only anxious to have someone else share in their shame and guilt.

Let us pray that we Christians may have the desire and power to be different. Remember, it takes more courage to stand alone and do right than to follow the crowd into trouble. ▼

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Karisse Ann Cone October 16, 1957
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Roy B. Snyder October 20
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Marvin L. Goodman October 22
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Vicki Jo Cover October 9, 1955
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

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Sharon Marie Schwartz October 2, 1960
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Rev. George A. Johnson October 5
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(Local, district or national)

BE SURE TO READ THE ARTICLE, "THE MOST IMPORTANT OFFICE"

By Mrs. Phyllis Smith—on page 16

DO YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER,

relative or friend going to college soon?
Be sure to read the article on page 18—

"Your Most Valuable Possession"

By Mrs. Norman Uphouse

NATIONAL WMC BOARD NOTICE

The National WMC Board will meet Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the recreation room of the women's residence hall at Grace College. This includes national officers and district presidents.

Local Councils Report

PORTIS, KANS. We are happy to report that since the last *News Nuggets* paper was published new tile has been laid on the church basement floor. We surely praise the Lord that the money for this project was raised so quickly.

We plan to pack clothes to send along with delegates to district conference for various mission points.

Three of our members have read the Bible through during the past WMC year: Mary Matter (sixth year), Fern Bodge (fourth year), and Nina Turner (fourth year).

The WMC has started a fund to put carpeting on the aisles of the sanctuary. *Marjorie Wolters*

BEAVER CITY, NEBR. We enjoyed a fine time of fellowship when 23 Portis, Kansas, WMC ladies and their pastor joined 19 of our group and our pastor for our annual spring rally. We are already looking forward to the trip to Portis next spring.

Bertha Shrauger

DENVER, COLO. The Talitha WMC ladies purchased measuring cups, potato peelers, cookie sheets and spatulas for Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je. We also purchased five dozen drinking glasses for the church kitchen.

We had our mother-daughter banquet at the beautiful banquet room at Villa Italia. "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World" was the theme. Old fashioned centerpieces were placed on the tables. We had a good attendance and a lovely program. Ladies from both WMC's served on the various committees.

Lucille Field

DENVER, COLO. The Kliever WMC had an outing in a park with their sons for their June meeting. A potluck dinner was enjoyed. Older boys and their mothers played ball while younger boys and their mothers had toy trucks and other things to occupy their entertainment time.

Freda Kliever was our guest at the April birthday meeting. We gave her a birthday gift of lingerie.

We sponsored a "sheets for the Cone outfit" campaign, to which many outside of our WMC contributed. *Esther Knox*

Were It Not For Thee

Were it not for Thee—
I could have been a drunkard,
Just sitting by the wayside,
Full of Satan's rottenness,
And not an ounce of godliness.

Were it not for Thee—
I could have been a liar,
A robber, thief or lustful,
Putting my possessions first,
And all my thoughts of me foremost.

Were it not for Thee—
I could have thought that I was
Quite a "perfect specimen."
How could I, such pride *I'd* take—
To think that this great change *I'd* make?

Were it not for Thee—
Yes, I'd be "just one of these."
Knowing this, in Christ's dear name,
Please forgive me for my pride,
And keep me humbly by Thy side.

—Mrs. Evelyn Carlisle

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Read the Bible through in one year

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In Appreciation



Along with her many duties as a pastor's wife and the mother of four children, Mrs. Thomas Inman has served Sisterhood faithfully for several years as devotional program chairman. We have appreciated the many hours she has worked seeing that the monthly devotional programs are assigned, written, approved, and made ready for use by SMM girls. We'd like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for her faithfulness and efficiency.

MY PRAYER

Dear Lord, this is my prayer today:
That You might show me the way
To keep Your love in my heart
And never let Your love depart.
Lord, show me the way to let people know
That You are the one that I love so.
Lord, help me to be kind
To all the other people of Thine.
Help me, Lord, to do Your will
So others who love You will love You still.
Lord, help me be kind to all whom I meet
That they might want Your love so sweet.
Help me to use my feet and my hands
To help those who live in many lands.
Thank you, Lord, for all that I have here on earth;
Help me to show others of my second birth.
Lord, help me to be of cheer,
And help me show no fear.
Help me, too, O Lord, today,
To show some lost soul the way.

By Phyllis Houts
Senior SMM, Rittman, Ohio



On the Teen Scene

WITH DAN GRABILL
National Youth Director

A Weekend To Remember

By Jean Brown

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

What a great time! The food is even good! There are so many nice kids! What an experience! These were familiar phrases heard during the weekend of the North Atlantic District conference April 29 to May 1. This year's conference was held at Percy Crawford's camp, better known as Pinebrook, located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Beginning on Friday night, the district youth camp lasted until Sunday afternoon. Why not come with me for a bird's-eye view of the weekend. Ready? Let's go!

Following registration and a hardy attempt at bed-making, all the teens attended the "kick-off" time in which we were privileged to have Dan Grabill as our speaker.

Many campers didn't eat much at breakfast the next morning. They were too nervous, because after devotions and a Bible study we entered our spiritual competition. All the competition was keen, but especially in basketball. The following four teams were the winners of this rally: (1) Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; (2) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Third); (3) Penn Valley, Pennsylvania; and (4) Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Quizzing was in line following the noon meal. This was the moment many teens were waiting for. The semi-finals were about to begin. Tension was really high! There are 48 teams in this district. The way the competition looked here, and from what I've heard of other districts, we can look forward to good competition at national conference. The victorious teams for our rally were (1) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Third); (2) York, Pennsylvania; and (3) Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

There are also two new teams in our district, representing two new Brethren churches. Our congratulations to these two teams from Penn Valley and Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

On Saturday night we had a gigantic district youth rally, presenting A.C.T. to the adults at the conference. Certain teens were chosen to minister in music, vocal and instrumental. There was also a short challenge by a contestant in the preacher boy contest, as well as a selection from the district youth choir. The highest quizzers then took part in a play-off. The climax of the meeting was reached when Dan Grabill brought his message. Many teens turned their lives over completely to Jesus Christ that night.

This conference was a rich and rewarding experience. ▼





Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN * * * COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN



Rev. Mason Cooper

SOUTHERN OHIO MEN SPONSOR CRUSADE

The men of the Southern Ohio District sponsored a Spiritual Life Crusade beginning on Sunday afternoon, June 12, and lasting through the following Saturday evening, June 18, at West Milton, Ohio, in the Memorial Holiness Camp Grounds, rented from the Brethren in Christ Church. The crusade evangelist was Rev. Mason Cooper, pastor of the Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Mr. Fred Whatley was music evangelist, assisted by his wife, Beverly, on the xylophone. Pastors of most of the district churches dismissed other meetings in favor of the crusade.

The Southern Ohio cabinet plans another crusade for next year.

—Rev. Horace Mohler



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whatley



Dear Brethren Laymen:

I wish to express my sincere thanks upon having received one of your scholarships.

I am truly thankful also that I was able to come to Grace College. A school such as this has so much to be proud of, but at the top of the list is its grand spiritual emphasis. It is truly a Christ-centered campus! I have felt that besides learning mentally, in just the short time I've been here I have also grown spiritually.

It is truly wonderful to know that there are people in The Brethren Church backing the school and its students. While you are praying for us and helping us through school we in turn will be praying for you and thanking God for men such as you.

Again, thank you so much for granting me a scholarship. May the Lord bless each of you.

In Him,

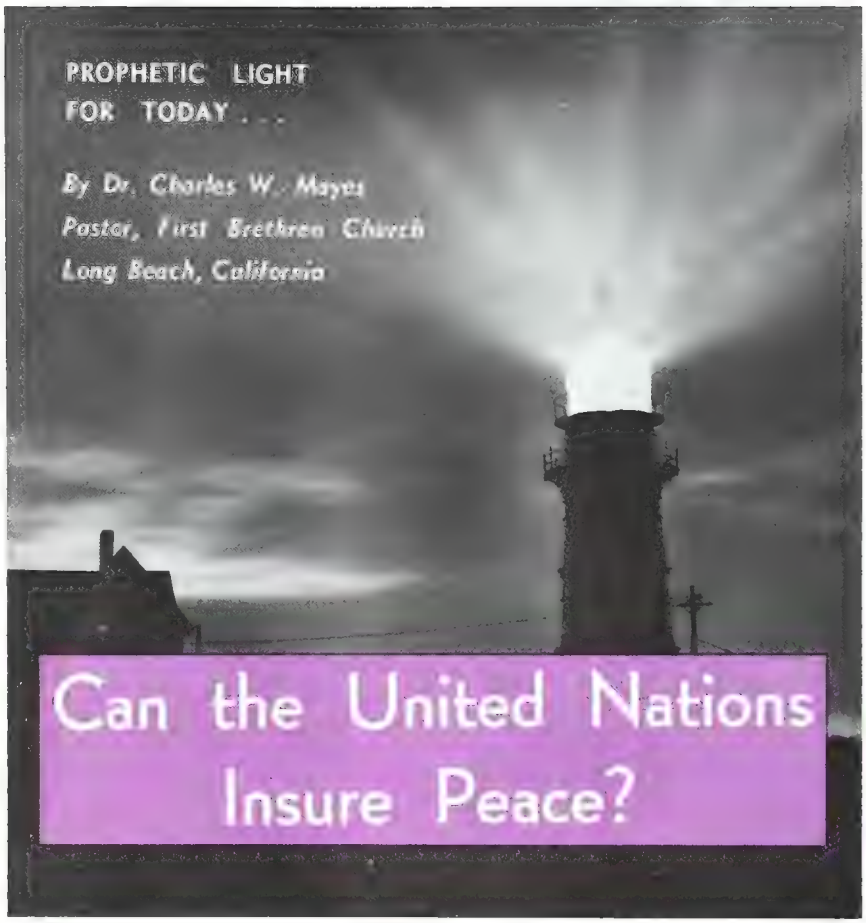
Sandra Preda

UNIONTOWN, PA. The Allegheny District Laymen's Rally was held here on June 11. An excellent dinner was enjoyed at Bradford's Restaurant, with the program following while the men had their second and third cups of coffee. The special guest of the evening was Bill Smith, director of evangelism in The Brethren Church. Rev. Smith gave a message from the Bible and then outlined the close relationship between the National Laymen and the Board of Evangelism.

The election of officers was held, with the following results: president—James London, Grafton, West Virginia; vice-president—Beryl Ward, Aleppo, Pennsylvania; secretary—Wendel Coffin, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; treasurer—John McClain, Washington, Pennsylvania.

At the conclusion of the meeting the men voted to buy a gospel film to be used by the Board of Evangelism and that this be a district project. An offering was taken to begin the project.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Laymen's meetings will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday of conference week with outstanding speakers scheduled each day. On Friday, August 19, a special fellowship coffee hour and devotional period is planned with the ministers. Plan now to attend each session!



Much propaganda has been presented to the people of our nation concerning the great world program for peace to be secured through the United Nations. People in general swallow the propaganda not because they really believe it, but because they see no other source of world peace.

Having rejected the Biblical truth concerning the actual and premillennial return of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the world has no sure foundation as a hope for peace. Lacking this foundation of the Rock Christ Jesus, men are content to build on the shifting sands of the United Nations.

An F.B.I. report to the Senate Committee states: "Attention is called to the fact that many of the incidents and cases previously cited involved Soviet employees of the United Nations. They are guests of the United States and are supposedly dedicated to the cause of international peace but they are, in fact, carefully selected envoys of the international communist conspiracy, trained in trickery and deceit and dedicated to the concept of fully exploiting the freedoms of the countries they seek to destroy."

In spite of all this, people in general still think there is hope for world peace through the U.N. even though largely controlled by the Soviet Union and her sympathizers.

Even many intelligent Americans are confused about the whole matter of peace. Deceived Christians often think that anything which talks about "peace" is peaceful, and deserving of our support. This is the reason so many churchmen have been drawn into communist-front organizations.

Dr. Stefan T. Possony clarified this subject of "peace" when he declared: "To Communists, 'peace' is, first, an invitation to non-Communists never to resist Soviet aggression. 'Peace' means, second, the utilization of conflict methods short of war, such as propaganda, political warfare, uprisings, and guerilla fighting, and refers to the nonmilitary phase of armed conflict, such as the creation of optimum conditions within which battle can be risked. 'Peace' means, third, the terminal point of Communist world conquest, and fourth, the period after the consolidation of the classless society."

The only real insurance against the trickery of modern false theories about world peace is to know God's Word. God has warned us so that when these things come to pass we may know and understand.

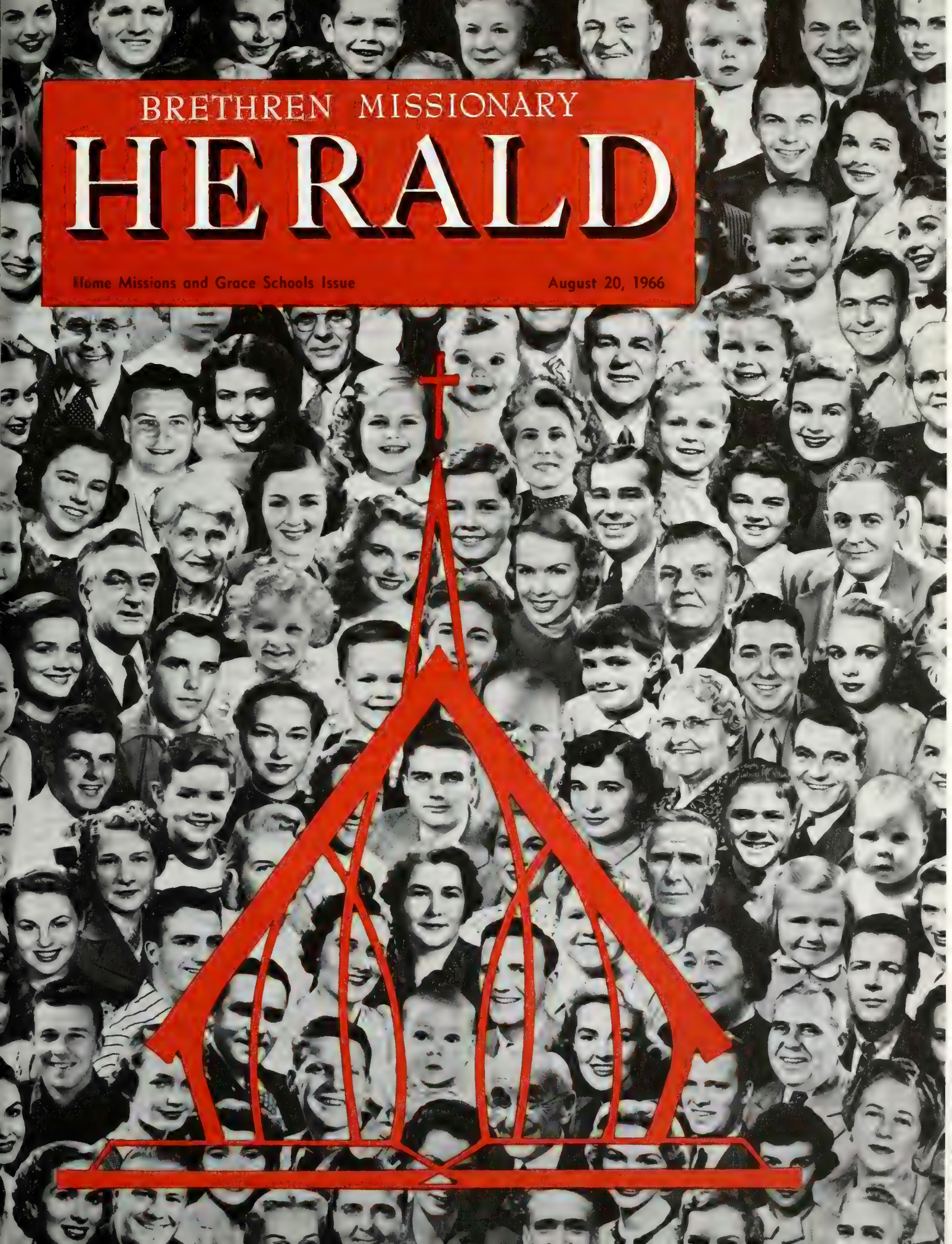
The Bible believer understands that true world peace will become a reality only when Christ rules as King of Kings.

Isaiah saw that day and described it as a time when the Messiah would reign from Jerusalem. "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2: 3-4).

Bible believers know that prior to Christ's reign of peace there will be the short reign of the false messiah, the Antichrist. He will deceive the peoples of the earth to think that he has all the answers to the world's needs. He will be the Satan-inspired world ruler.

Before the Antichrist can reign, however, there must be some unifying of the nations, such as the U.N. is now making possible. This condition may come through the present U.N. or through some other organization yet to take its place.

We who believe God's Word will put no confidence in the U.N. At best it represents man's efforts, which are doomed to failure. ▼



BRETHREN MISSIONARY

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Editorials

By Lester E. Pifer

Missionary Herald Annual Offering

Have you placed in the Lord's hand your gift for publishing the "Good News" of the Word of God? We urge you to examine carefully the following facts and reconsider your gift to this vital ministry.

Printed gospel literature plays an important role in evangelism of the lost, strengthening of the saints, and promotion of all our missionary and educational endeav ors. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company has given gospel tracts, Sunday-school literature, Brethren tracts, and many free copies of the *Herald* magazine to our newly-formed mission points. The *Herald* is of tremendous value in keeping the flow of information on home-mission progress going to our people everywhere.

Your gifts play a vital part in keeping this ministry moving forward for our Lord. Be sure your contribution is commensurate with the need which they have set before The Brethren Church as a goal . . . $20,000.

Brethren Home Missions Emphasis

The month of August is the beginning of our annual emphasis on the needs of Brethren Home Missions leading to the offering goals of 1966-'67. This emphasis will properly be slanted in the direction of reaching people for Christ. This is our basic business (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

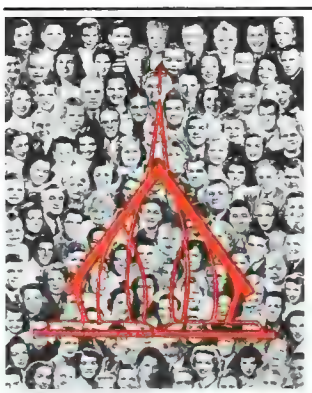
The population of our nation continues to soar at the rate of a birth every seven and one-half seconds. We have now reached a total population figure of 200,000,000. Interestingly, Brethren Home Missions has had its greatest growth in reaching young adults in the large city and urban areas. Five years ago (1960) there were 34 million young adults. Today (1965 reports) there are 36 million. In 1970 it is estimated that there will be 42.6 million young adults, or an increase of 18 per cent in the next five years. This percentage increase is three times that of the previous five-year period. Young adults in the years 1965 to 1970 will account for nearly two-thirds of the total growth in U.S. population. These people, important in our "People Business," will be marrying, starting families, establishing new homes, and will become our future growth prospects. We must gear our church building program to meet this need.

Crime rates have always been a barometer of the spiritual and moral fibre of a nation. The present crime wave is now described as a national crisis. This is the way law enforcement officials view the situation as riots erupt in city after city while crime rates soar. In the last five years our nation has recorded an increase of 47 per cent in all crimes. Present indications forecast that 1966 will reveal an increase over previous years. This cannot be blamed on a mere increase in population, as it has consistently outstripped the population increase at a rate of five to one.

Law enforcement officials frantically search for the "roots" of such lawlessness. "Public attitude" is blamed for causing crime to get out of hand. A spirit of lawlessness and a contempt for law are said to be growing among the American people. A breakdown in family life is cited. Parents are blamed for failing to discipline their youngsters. Moral values are deteriorating. Violence is seen to be gaining wide acceptance as a way for people to express frustration and resentment. Respect for law and order is on a marked decline. Recent decisions in the higher courts have tied the hands of law enforcement officials in getting convictions and punishment for criminals.

The Bible student can find passages indicating that a spirit of lawlessness would characterize the age in the end time. The apostle Paul clearly outlines the rebellion and lawlessness which will characterize the Antichrist and his work. There is a marked similarity. We are living in days when anti-Christian spirit reigns.

These evident facts are pointed up as major national tragedies, as in the case of the recent double murder just outside of Winona Lake, the slaying of 15 persons by a university student in Austin, Texas or the slaughter of the nurses in South Chicago. They very clearly point up the dire need of getting the gospel to the lost. America needs the gospel. America needs divine help to awaken and see her need. America needs more Christians in the business of reaching people—for Christ. Your interest, your prayers, your cooperation in Brethren Home Missions will help to meet this need. ▼



COVER PHOTO

The faces with the 1966 Brethren Home Missions promotional "church insignia" overprinted has been chosen to introduce you to the "People Business" emphasized in this issue.

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The Business of Brethren Home Missions

The business of Brethren Home Missions is "People Business." This will be the theme of our promotion for these next few months of special emphasis. Each series of bulletins will carry a message on "People Business" built upon the Scripture verse, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Please do not fail to observe each one of the five bulletins and read the message for you.

How did home-mission churches do in the "People Business" for 1965? We are preparing a report for the annual board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The recorded souls saved totaled 566 for the 33 churches reporting. In the "People Business," as in any other business, we could always wish it were better.

A New Group Report

What do new groups seeking a fundamental fellowship have to say? I recommend you read "Blessings from Fellowship in the N.F.B.C." by Allen Herr. "Since occupancy of our new church structure on February 13 of this year, 26 people have been baptized. A majority of our Lord's Day services are closed with a baptismal service. . . . We believe that when we cease to win souls for Christ, we forfeit our right to exist as a Bible-believing church." Those are the words from a pastor who is interested in "People Business," and business is good.

The Forgotten Navajo?

No, the Navajo is *not* forgotten! The 100,000-plus Navajo Indians are an important part of the Brethren Home Missions field. Have you read "Summertime" by Larry Wedertz in the recent issue of "The Forgotten Navajo"? "Forty-three girls began a week of camp with a day of rain . . . and before the week ended one girl accepted the Lord as her Saviour and several made decisions to live for Christ. The largest boys camp ever was conducted the last week of June with 50 boys present." Four weeks of V.B.S. will soon be followed by the Christian day school for some sixty Navajo boys and girls. Services are held every Sunday for the Navajos. All of this is part of "People Business."

New Bible Classes

A number of new Bible classes and churches have been started in the last year. Santa Barbara and Santa Maria in California, Richmond and Woodbridge in Virginia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Lexington and Minerva, Ohio, and Richland, Washington, are some, and more are under consideration.

Why start all these new ministries? There is only one answer! We are interested in "People Business," carrying out the only important reason for the organization of Brethren Home Missions. We are interested in helping new groups get started that these new testimonies might give forth the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The News Thrust

Turn to "Home Mission Field Reports" and read excerpts from letters written to the office of Brethren Home Missions. What is important news to us? That souls are being saved is the best news we can hear from a Brethren Home Missions pastor. We think it should be of interest to you. This indicates that the home missionary is in the "People Business," getting the job done. We received two telephone calls from two different home-mission churches in two days, one from a pastor and another from a layman, and what was the most important and the most thrilling news they conveyed? Souls were saved last Sunday!

Interested in the Jew?

Very much so, for Jews are people and Brethren Home Missions is in the "People Business." Faithful missionaries are knocking on doors of Jewish people almost every day in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. From "Israel Calls" this month you will learn that not all "of the clergy" are as interested in "People Business." This is not only true of rabbis, but sad to say of far too many "of the clergy" in Protestant denominations. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button and their daughter Dianne have been itinerating for several weeks among Brethren churches, telling you of their interest in the Jew with the prayer that you will become interested in the salvation of Jewish people. Dare we be uninterested?

Budgeting Is Good Business

Every successful business sets up a budget. Brethren Home Missions just approved one a few days ago. Sometimes it is necessary to cut it. What about your budget for the "People Business" of Brethren Home Missions? Could it be a goal of at least 5 cents per day? This would be adequate, coming from *every* member of The Brethren Church. Adopt it as your prayer goal, and pray that every other Brethren may make it his goal.—F.J.P. ▼





ELIZABETHTOWN



MANHEIM



NEW HOLLAND



Lancaster Adds Another Branch

God's blessing has been upon the Grace Brethren Church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from its inception. Rev. Robert Markley, then pastor at Palmyra, Pennsylvania, and Rev. Alva Conner, pastor at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, got a small group of people together at Manheim, Pennsylvania. It was decided that the work should be centrally located in the Greater Lancaster area. Here the mother church was to be built so that she could branch out into surrounding communities. These pastors continued to nurture the Bible class until the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board could place a full-time man on the field.

God never opens up a new field without having the laborer to reap the harvest. Rev. William Tweeddale, a Grace Seminary graduate serving in another denomination, became aware of God's instruction on the ordinances of the Word of God. He paid a visit to Rev. Robert Markley, who in turn explained clearly what The Brethren Church believed. Rev. Tweeddale was baptized by trine immersion and became available for God's call to the Brethren ministry. Here was God's man for Lancaster!

The work was moved to the Lancaster Poultry Center, and regular services were begun. A radio ministry was launched; a strong Bible teaching and preaching program was initiated. An enthusiastic group joined in visitation. God had set the stage in Lancaster County for this evangelistic ministry, and He would give the increase!

The Lancaster building under construction by the Brethren Construction Crew had to be interrupted to enlarge the building. It was obviously impossible to seat a congregation of 225 in a 185-capacity auditorium. The enlargement provided more classrooms and space for 250 in the sanctuary.

Mid-way in the building program, a group led by the Sunday-school superintendent, Robert Rohrer, started a new branch work at Manheim, ten miles northwest. Rev. Russell Weber became their first pastor. Now under the leadership of Rev. U. L. Gingrich, they have purchased property, loan funds are pouring into the B.I.F. for financing, and building plans are almost complete. The construction crew is scheduled for this new building next year.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard McCarthy and family.



New Holland meeting place.

Dedication Day at Lancaster revealed that God's blessing was continuing. The building facilities were taxed to capacity. Approximately seventy people with the new Sunday-school superintendent, Rev. Robert Lapp, who was just graduating from the Lancaster School of the Bible, joined together and organized another branch church at Elizabethtown, 25 miles west.

The Elizabethtown Grace Brethren Church, now pastored by Rev. Warren Tamkin, has its property and is making a big effort to complete its payments by October 1. The construction crew is due there October 1 to begin the first unit building.

Rev. Robert Lapp, who has been practically self-supporting, being a partner in the successful Plain and Fancy Farm (Restaurant), has now become the chairman of the New Holland branch. Approximately eighty people out of the Lancaster church, but living in and near New Holland, 12 to 15 miles northeast of Lancaster, have organized the new Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Richard McCarthy has been called as pastor. Services will begin September 1 in the new fire hall auditorium at New Holland.

The Lancaster Church, under the aggressive leadership of Rev. Tweeddale, continues to grow. Attendances have gone over the 350 mark in worship on many occasions. Missionary giving continues to rise. Strong emphasis is still placed upon reaching the lost in Lancaster through visitation. Excellent cooperation between the district mission board, the mother church, the branches, and the Home Missions Council is testimony to the unity produced by the Holy Spirit. "Every church build a branch church; yes, sir," says Rev. Tweeddale, "this is God's program for a growing church."—L.E.P. ▼

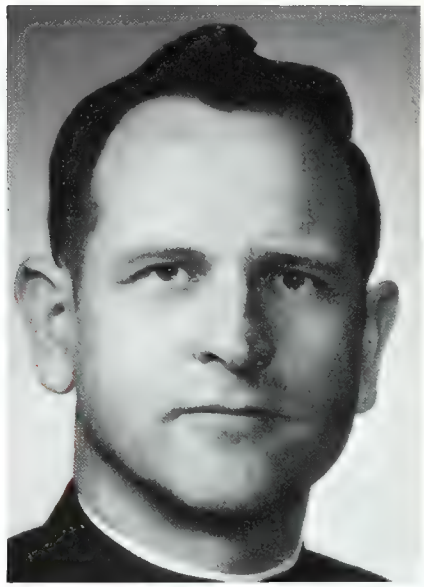


Air view of New Holland, Pa.

Blessings From Fellowship in the N.F.B.C.

By Rev. Allen H. Herr

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Defiance, Ohio



Allen H. Herr

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1). This blessed verse of Scripture expresses so well our experience since our affiliation with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Just a little more than a year ago we were still organically connected with a denomination that had gone down the broad way of apostasy. After many rebukes from the Lord concerning this unequal yoke, we were introduced to Grace Brethren in such a way that the introduction was obviously "of the Lord." Through a prisoner at Marion Correctional Institution, Marion, Ohio, I was introduced to Brother Ralph Wiley, who arranged an interview with Rev. Lester Pifer and Dr. L. L. Grubb. From there the Lord led to my election by the Galion church into the ministry and subsequently to ordination at this past district conference.

At present it is my joy and privilege to be pastor of a group of believers in a new work here at Defiance. On June 20, 1965, they held their first meeting, numbering about seventy in attendance. Without a penny in the treasury, but rich in faith towards God, they separated themselves from the same modernistic denomination as we had and set out to serve the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and body. They took a firm stand on the Bible as the infallible Word of God. The mountains that were moved by God through prayer are unbelievable to many in this community, but to those of us who are saved and know the power of Christ it was not shocking, but extremely thrilling.

All physical and material needs have been more than adequately met, and since occupancy of our new church structure on February 13 of this year, 26 people have been baptized. A majority of our Lord's Day services are closed with a baptismal service. We accept this as all being of the Lord and consequently subscribe to Him all the glory and the honor. It is our earnest hope and prayer that this church will always remain a soul-winning station, for we believe that when we cease to win souls for Christ, we forfeit our right to exist as a Bible-believing church.

Our fellowship with Grace Brethren has meant more to us than we could ever put in words. The deep spiritual rapport at each ministerial meeting; the thoroughness exercised before a minister is accepted into the fellowship; the frankness in presentation of facts, beliefs, and doctrinal standards to prospective congregations are equally impressive. I have never seen a congregation rise above the spiritual level of its leadership, and, by the same rule of measure, I believe no fellowship of churches will rise above the spirituality of her organizational leadership. We here at the Grace Brethren Church in Defiance have found without exception the leadership of the N.F.B.C. to be at such a spiritual level that we have been challenged to a closer walk with the Lord.

Without any assurance of our ultimate affiliation with the N.F.B.C., the Brethren at Winona Lake never failed once to give us help as we asked for it. Unselfishly they gave of themselves for the spiritual strengthening of those in Defiance they believed to be their brothers and sisters in the Lord. To us here at Defiance it is a new experience and a spiritual blessing to be able, without conflict of conscience or spirit, to promote the mission programs, the college, the seminary, and every related arm of outreach without the awful thought that we may be contributing to the building of "Babylon." Rather, it is a joy to know that in a very real way we can, through these various channels, have a definite part in carrying out the great commission of telling the good news of the true gospel around the world.

It is our firm conviction that the Lord raised up The Brethren Church years ago for this crisis hour, and we thank Him for all that is ours first in the Lord and secondly in the N.F.B.C. Pray with us, that as we find our place in this remnant of believers, we may be faithful and fruitful until He comes. ▼

LAST MINUTE FIGURE FROM MINUTE-MEN

The returns on the Beaverton Minute-Man call to August 2 was $1,948.22. Thank you, everyone who completed the call. For those of you who haven't got through to us yet, there is still time. The Kauffmans express their thoughts in the words of the apostle Paul: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Home Mission Field Reports

BEAVERTON, OREG. (Luke Kauffman, pastor). We are praising the Lord for a new record morning worship attendance of 51 and also a record prayer meeting attendance of 33. We rejoice in 16 persons coming forward for rededication of life in a morning service.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (Robert S. Salazar, pastor). I directed the summer camp for the district and it proved to be a time of great blessing. We had 75 young people, and the Lord gave us 20 first-time decisions and 50 rededications. It was truly a "mountain top" experience.

LEXINGTON, OHIO (Terry Taylor, pastor). The victories we have experienced have been remarkable. First was our successful V.B.S., and then on Friday night of camp, 11 junior boys expressed a desire to accept Christ as Saviour and I personally led two of them to the Lord. This was indeed an exciting week in the Lord's service. Seven people have indicated a desire to be baptized and more are looking to church membership. Our offerings are coming up steadily. We want to express again how happy Elaine and I are here in Lexington.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (Charles Martin, pastor). Attendance has been increasing in every service with the greatest in the Sunday school. Two ladies teach Child Evangelism classes in which almost 30 decisions have been made for salvation. Seven new families have been added in the past year.

KENT, WASH. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor). We rejoice in the increased decisions for Christ this year. A number have been adults, and an exceptionally fine group of boys and girls responded to the invitation to accept Christ in our V.B.S. Two more of our young people will be entering "Grace" this fall and thus will increase the number to four.

KOKOMO, IND. (Herman Hein, Jr., pastor). We just finished our V.B.S. and had 216 people present for the Sunday night closing program. Things are progressing rapidly on the new building annex. We should be able to pour the floor on Monday (August 1).

DRYHILL, KY. (Marvin Lowery, pastor). At Victory Bible Camp we experienced a number of decisions among our young people. We have also had a number of decisions among the children of the church, and one adult made a public rededication and is now regular in attendance after five years of absence.

TOPPENISH, WASH. (Sam Horney, pastor). We have four awaiting baptism and have baptized three thus far this year. Ten members have been added.

GEISTOWN, PA. (Ralph Burns, pastor). The Lord is continuing to bless us with a good V.B.S. The enrollment is over 100 and we have had several decisions for Christ. Keep praying with and for us.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Melvin Hobson, pastor). Already in 1966 we have seen an average of one first-time decision and one rededication per week. We praise God for the conversion of five men, two ladies, a number of teen-agers, and many children.

BARBERTON, OHIO (Irvin Miller, pastor). Since the first of the year there have been a total of 32 decisions. Twelve of these were first time and 20 were rededications. There have been six baptized and six new members added.

MAITLAND, FLA. (H. W. Koontz, pastor). Last Sunday (July 10) we were ready for V.B.S. and decided it would be a night school so as to have sufficient helpers. Monday night we had 20 children, the next night 39 and we may reach 50. The majority have never been in a V.B.S. and do not attend any Sunday school. I had six teen-agers last night and only one attends Sunday school. Already a number have accepted Christ. The opportunities in this area are unlimited.

COLUMBUS, OHIO (Donald Sellers, superintendent). We are happy to announce a new addition to the Brethren Construction Crew. Mr. and Mrs. William Shakleton, William, Jr., and Beth Louise will be joining us here at Columbus, Ohio following national conference. The Shakleton family come from the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Below: These Parkersburg Brethren are aiming for self-support by 1967.



INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). Spiritual victories in this new work include nine first-time decisions and one re-affirmation of faith. Two have been baptized and two are awaiting baptism. Six new members have been received into membership this year.

Below: New meeting place at Indianapolis, Ind.



Gardners Go to Richmond, Va.



Rev. and Mrs. William Gardner

Rev. William Gardner, a 1966 Grace Seminary graduate, with his wife has accepted the challenge of pioneering a new work in Richmond, Virginia. The Gardners began their ministry July 1. They may be contacted at Warwick Place, 5055 Warwick Road, Richmond, Virginia.

The Southeast District Mission Board is helping to get this work started and will be contributing toward the pastor's support.

William Gardner has another brother in Brethren Home Missions, Rev. Frank Gardner, Jr., at Davenport, Iowa.

New Pastor Arrives at West Covina

Rev. Arthur Malles, of Sellersburg, Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to the West Covina Brethren Church, West Covina, California. Rev. Malles (brother of Mark Malles of Fort Wayne, Indiana) and family left Sellersville on August 2 and stopped at Winona Lake, Indiana, to pick up Sharon, their daughter and a member of the Grace College summer team, the "Harmonaires." Rev. Malles has begun his ministry and is living in one of the new houses just completed on a portion of the church property.

The West Covina church has been without a pastor since June 15, when the former pastor, Robert Kliewer, accepted a call to Modesto, California.



Arthur H. Malles



This beautiful church building, located in Montclair, California, was made possible by investments and savings in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Such funds have made possible many similar buildings in recent years.

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"OF THE CLERGY"

By Miss Isobel Fraser

Door-to-door calling carries with it a mystery. You never know just what is behind the door on which you are knocking. There was a mezuzah affixed to this doorpost, so I was certain it would be Jewish. However, I have been fooled a few times; Gentiles, not knowing what it was, have not removed the mezuzah upon moving in.

A young man answered my knock. I offered him a copy of the "Mediator," explaining what it was and also informing him that I believed that Jesus is Messiah. He was interested in anything along this line since he was of the clergy! At my inquiry as to what he meant, he said he was a rabbinical student. I was invited in for a discussion.

The first subject that he brought up was the deity of Christ. This, of course, he did not believe. To him Jesus was a good man and Paul in particular was responsible for propagating the teaching of His deity. I reminded him that in the Gospels Christ himself claimed equality with God, and referred him to John 8:45-59. I also pointed out that the accusation against Jesus was blasphemy, a man claiming to be God. If their accusation were true, then He should have been put to death according to Old Testament teaching (Lev. 24: 16). Also, I told him that Jesus was either who He claimed to be or He was deceived or a deceiver. To this he would not acquiesce.

In our discussion I learned that he was of the Reformed Judaism persuasion and, therefore, did not take the Bible literally. Each individual, he thought, should interpret the Bible, which is not the Word of God, for himself. Inspiration of the Bible is the same as the inspiration a poet or writer may have. How the individual feels is to be the criterion for belief.

Feelings vary, I pointed out to him. Who has the authority to decide which parts of Scripture to accept? People's ideas about God and their relationship vary, even to the point of being diametrically opposed. I gave examples of the beliefs and practices of the people of India contrasted with those of the average American, who feels that if he is a "good" fellow and pays his debts he is acceptable to God.

To justify his position, he pointed to the Hassidim, a strict orthodox Jewish sect which originated in Central Europe. They had little opportunity for education even in the Old Testament Scriptures, and so feelings were made the heart of their belief. They held that one does not have to be a scholar to be pious.

Then he told me a story to explain what he meant. A pious Hassid sage, a scholar as well as a leader, had a dream in which he was shown that, though he was pious, there was one more pious than he. He wanted to meet this person. Therefore, taking a ride in his horse and carriage, he gave the horse its head and it brought him to a cottage in the forest. Here he found a man whom he knew to be the pious one. This man was unlearned. He had only been taught the *aleph, beth* (Hebrew alphabet). One day this poor man was greatly desirous of praising God but not knowing what to do and being unlearned, he had just repeated over and over again the one thing he knew —the alphabet.

I agreed that one does not need to be a scholar to be pious and that feelings do have a place in religion and worship. God, however, has given a revelation, through the Jewish people, that all men may know how to worship Him. It is essential that we know God's way. I quoted Isaiah 55:8 and Proverbs 14:12.

The "God is dead" movement was discussed. I was glad to learn that he did not go along with that philosophy. However, though he believed in the existence of God, he did not want to go into this or the subject of eternity very deeply.

We did not agree on a number of other subjects discussed. Prophecy relative to Israel in their land and a personal Messiah was foreign to his beliefs. He did permit me to refer him to Zechariah 12 and Isaiah 2 and 9, which speak of the Messiah and His coming to bring peace to the world.

Sacrifice, according to him, came into Judaism through its association with paganism, especially that of the Egyptians. Knowing that as a Reformed Jew he would not take it literally, still I reminded him of the account of Adam and Eve and God's provision of a covering for them after their sin of disobedience. The first sacrifice! This truth was brought down to the suffering Messiah of Isaiah 53 and its fulfillment in Christ.

His reaction was to try to discredit the Word by saying there were discrepancies. I asked to be shown. First he mentioned that there were varied accounts of the Flood, but he was not able to find them. (Of course not; they don't exist.) Then he said there was a discrepancy in the choosing of Saul to be king, referring to his anointing by Samuel (I Sam. 9: 25—10:1) and his being chosen before the people (10:17-25). This was no discrepancy! As we were reading these passages, a friend came and our discussion was over.

Was anything accomplished with this one "of the clergy"? My stand is on God's promise in Isaiah 55:11 regarding His Word: "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." ▼

CHURCH NEWS

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Richard E. Grant, executive editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* has tendered his resignation effective Dec. 1, 1966. Mr. Grant has been the editor of the church paper for the past five years and has also held the position of general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. He has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church of Alexandria, Va.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, sends this encouraging report: "The second largest Vacation Bible School in the history of the church closed Friday, July 22, with an average attendance of 331 and a total enrollment of 496, including the staff of more than 50. The closing program attendance was 463, on a hot, rainy Friday night! Total offerings were $631.67, of which $200 was for Brethren missionary projects. More than 30 boys and girls received Christ as Saviour. Eight evening sessions were held for youth and adults, as well as the ten day sessions for kindergarten through junior high. The junior high department was the largest in the history of this church's V.B.S. programs, with an average of 29."

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A Long Beach newspaper recently carried an excellent report on an interview with Dr. George Peek, pastor of the North Long Beach Brethren Church. Among the subjects discussed were the ecumenical movement, liberal churches, civil rights, the social gospel, and the secret of growth at the North Long Beach church.

SPECIAL. On Dec. 22 Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman are to leave by boat for a 35-day excursion to South America. By acting as chaplain for the cruise, Brother Polman will be given the trip free of charge. The Polmans plan to visit their daughter, Mrs. Maxwell (Elaine) Brenneman in Puerto Rico, and Miss Evelyn Fuqua at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. John Burns has resigned the pastorate at Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, effective Sept. 25. Pastor Burns served this church for 11 years.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Miller, Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil, S.A. Rev. and Mrs. James Kennedy, 6283 Market Ave. N., Canton, Ohio 44721. Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Kent, 250 Philadelphia Ave., Waynesboro, Pa. Please change *Annual.*

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. George K. Wallace, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry in a service held Thursday, July 21, at the church. Rev. Richard Sellers, of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered the ordination address. Other Brethren ministers who took part in the service were Rev. Frank Gardner, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. Glen Welborn, Leon, Iowa; Rev. Wayne Baker, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Rev. John Aeby and Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove, Waterloo, Iowa; Rev. James Custer, Dallas Center, Iowa; and Rev. Milton Ryerson, Garwin, Iowa. Rev. Wallace received his seminary training at Grace Theological Seminary, graduating in 1964 with a B.D. degree. He went to North English in July of that year. He and his wife are now Brethren missionaries under appointment to Brazil, hoping to leave sometime this year.



KITTANNING, PA. On March 11 Ronald Jurke, interim pastor of the First Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. Clair Gartland, of Conemaugh, Pa. Others participating in the service were Rev. Don Rough, Johnstown, Pa.; Rev. Glenn Byers, Conemaugh, Pa.; Rev. Roy Glass, Altoona, Pa.; Rev. Ralph Burns, Altoona, Pa.; Rev. Fred Walters, Kittanning, Pa.; and Mr. Elzie White, Kittanning, Pa.

FORT WAYNE, IND. July 24 was Rev. Paul Fink's last Sunday as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church; a carry-in dinner followed the morning service in honor of him and his wife. Stanley Jensen, formerly assistant pastor, is the new pastor.

MARGATE, FLA. Dean Risser, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, writes concerning the Florida District youth camps: "We had an excellent week at senior camp, and several decisions were made there. Almost all the senior campers were saved, and camp served as an opportunity to give them special help and direction in their lives for the Lord. . . . Junior camp was almost twice as large (89 campers as against 47), and there were a number of decisions for salvation. Pastor Gene Witzky taught them the Four Spiritual Laws, used by Campus Crusade, and since coming home one of the boys who accepted the Lord at camp has led his little sister to Christ."

BERNE, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Fetters, members of Bethel Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 7 with a reception at their home. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Ten new members were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Garden City Grace Brethren Church on July 10. Henry Radford is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Dedication Day for the new Bible school annex of the First Brethren Church will be held Sept. 18. A morning dedication will be followed by an open house. Jose Lara was guest speaker in the midweek prayer service July 20; a native of Mexico, he plans soon to return to that country, with his family, as a missionary. A worth-while two weeks was given to V.B.S.; 30

children indicated a desire to trust Christ as Saviour, and 36 others made decisions relating to their Christian living or service. Over $372 was given in offerings. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. A reception and food shower welcomed the new assistant pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Cosgrove, to the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. John Aeby has been given a unanimous call to serve as pastor for his tenth year.

MAITLAND, FLA. July speakers at the Grace Brethren Church were Rev. Charles Koontz, son of Pastor and Mrs. Herman Koontz, and Rev. Dick Haynes, county Child Evangelism director.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The First Brethren Church recently completed a goal they have been working on for some time: they now have a blacktopped parking lot. In a recent Sunday evening service Richard Messner, of Grace College and Seminary, presented the needs of Grace Schools. Charles Turner is pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Youth Week was observed June 26 to July 2 at the Temple City Brethren Church, with outstanding programs each evening; on Thursday evening the Grace College Carolaires presented a musical program. The interior of the church has been redecorated with new carpeting and pews; men of the church donated labor for this project. An outside improvement is a new blacktopped parking lot. Robert Firl, pastor.

LANSING, MICH. Special speakers in the July Sunday evening services at the Grace Brethren Church were Chester Sheren, superintendent of the City Rescue Mission, and Chuck Roost, a Youth for Christ director. Randall Poyner, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Two teen-age brothers, Brian and Dennis Martin, members of the Grace Brethren Church, left the end of July for a tour of Europe and the Holy Land with Rev. Nathan Meyer. New drapes are being purchased for the church, and the parsonage has been repainted and repaired. Gordon Bracker, pastor.



ELKHART, IND. Robert L. Yunker, missionary to Japan under TEAM, was recently ordained to the Christian ministry at the Grace Brethren Church. Pictured above are ministers who participated in the service—left to right, they are: Rev. Sherwood Durkee, pastor of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.; Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Elkhart Grace Brethren Church; Rev. Yunker; Rev. Fred Fogle, missionary to France, the ordination speaker; and Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., vice-president of Grace Seminary.

KITTANNING, PA. Miss Mary Yount, secretary of the First Brethren Church, wrote in July, "In recent months the Kittanning church has passed some milestones. Our mortgage has been paid off on our annex, making our entire building debt-free. A new church bus has been ordered, and we expect to have it delivered in time to make the trip to national conference at Winona Lake in August. A group of teen-age girls from our church known as the "Joybells" won the district talent contest and will be competing in the national talent contest at Winona Lake." The Joybells are directed by Rev. Ronald Jurke, interim pastor.

KENT, WASH. Pastor and Mrs. Phillip Simmons, of the Grace Brethren Church, were surprised with a 25th wedding anniversary celebration this past June; the congregation presented them with a lace tablecloth and silver candlesticks.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The junior choir of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church presented their first annual spring concert on June 19. Mrs. John Glasscock was director, and Mrs. Paul Stambaugh was pianist. M. L. Myers, pastor.

RINER, VA. The Grace Brethren Church had a week of meetings June 26 to July 3 with Charles Thornton, pastor from Buena Vista, Va., as evangelist. Murl Updike, pastor at Riner, reports, "The attendance was excellent and God blessed the pastor and people alike. Following the meeting one young girl received Christ as Saviour after reading a book she received as the prize in the attendance contest."

GOSHEN, IND. Rev. James Kennedy resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, effective Aug. 17. He assumed his new duties as pastor of the Canton, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church on the same date. Paul Morris, a student at Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Goshen church and begins his ministry Aug. 21.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SULLENBERGER, Mazie, of the Bell Brethren Church, Bell Calif., passed away on Wednesday, July 13.

Ernest Bearinger, pastor.

YODER, Mrs. Mahlon, a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church for many years, was ushered into the presence of the Lord on Saturday, July 16. She and her husband had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 19, 1964. Services were conducted in the church by the pastor.

Roy E. Kreimes, pastor.

MIZE, Warren B., died July 17. He had served as assistant pastor at the Rialto Brethren Church for two years and then in the Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino, Calif., for over a year. He contributed greatly to the work of the church through his ministry in calling, teaching, and music.

Gerald Polman, Rialto pastor.

THE GATES OF HELL *Shall Not Prevail!*



"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). This initial statement of Jesus about the church is one of the most meaningful and dramatic declarations of the Bible.

Not all agree on all the meaning, but certain essentials are plain. Jesus Christ, himself, is the Builder of the church. He purchased her with His own blood. He gave her the apostles and prophets, who nurtured her and guided her first steps. He and the Father sent the Spirit to be her comforter and guide. Most significantly for the present topic, the powers of evil shall not overwhelm or destroy Christ's church. She is here to stay till God translates her.

The Man who spoke these words and the man who wrote them must have had a high sense of dramatic art. Look at the build-up. Jesus leaves Jewish territory for the Greek-Roman city of Caesarea Philippi on the slopes of snowy Mount Hermon to the north of the lake of Galilee. There, finding more safety and repose among Gentiles than among His own people and things, Jesus asks His little band, "Who do men say that I the Son of man am?" John the Baptist? No. Elijah or Jeremiah redivivus? No. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," says Peter, and goes down in history forever as the formulator of the "Great Confession." Then follows Jesus' declaration about the church.

Now, church people have always liked to quote these words about the church in Christ triumphant. In times of persecution—"The gates of hell shall not prevail"; in times of moral defeat or spiritual stagnation—"The gates of hell shall not prevail." We find it easy and comforting in our own special personal times of suffering "for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus" to apply these words about the church triumphant. And we sing, "'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of life forevermore, 'Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest."

The Death of Churches

But we must pause here to observe there are two kinds of churches in the New Testament. Jesus was referring, of course, to the universal church, His body, purchased with His own blood, numbering not one hypocrite or unbeliever in her fold—"the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Heb. 12:23). Against this church the devil will not in the slightest prevail!

There is also the local church. Of this church or assembly there came to be thousands of examples. Each believer is (or should be) associated with one of these churches somewhere. Against these churches the gates of hell do sometimes prevail. They simply die and disappear. Or while they keep up appearances (Rev. 1:20; cp. 2:5) of life, the Lord simply removes "the candlestick" of His presence. "Having a form of godliness" they "deny the power thereof."

Early in October, 1962, I spent some days in an Arab village of central Palestine, not more than three miles from the border of Israel. This place, called Aboud, is a mixed Muslim and Christian village of several hundred souls. There are no electric lights and no radios in the place and no automobiles or plumbing. The wreckage of three thousand years (at least) of history lies beneath your feet as you walk past decrepit stone buildings on its uneven and crooked streets. At one end of the town the muezzin calls the hours of Muslim prayer from his minaret. At the other a church bell rings, gathering a few faithful to pray in a tattered old Greek Orthodox church with their ragged priest on Sunday. There is also a new Latin (Roman Catholic) school in another part of town. A 93-year-old man

amed Ibrahim showed me the sites and sights: a Byzantine nscription, now part of a door lintel; the tunnel opening o three stories of ancient civilization, thirty or forty feet nderground, and many other interesting things.

But what impressed me most were the ruins of seven hurch buildings, some of them over thirteen hundred ears out-of-use! All of them in ruins for centuries—some isible today only as foundation remains! From the fourth o the seventh centuries all of Palestine and Syria was lorious in its outward dedication to the Christian religion. There were hundreds of church spires to be seen, and the holy places" of Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem were hronged with worshipers. Then about A.D. 615 came Chosroes and his invading Zoroastrian Persians. Authorities ay every church building in the country save Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity was wrecked. The emperor from Byzantium quickly came with armies and sent the Persians packing for home. Some of the churches, including Aboud's, were rebuilt, especially a magnificent new Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Sadly, scarcely half a century later Mohammed's rampaging Arabs crying, "There is one God, Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet," came and destroved nany of the church buildings once again. The people had no piritual resources to resist this new prophet, even though Christianity and Judaism were tolerated by Islam. Within few decades the crescent completely overwhelmed the ross. The religion of Jesus Christ became, and remains oday, a minority island cult in a sea of Mohammedanism, barely existing, except for recent Christian missions, in he land of the Saviour's birth, not because Christianity was unlawful but because it was unprofitable, temporally!

Aboud's seven ruined church buildings teach us that "the gates of hell" can and do prevail over local churches. The churches of Sweden and Denmark have yielded to the gates of formalism and unbelief, of Norway to the gates of disorder in the 40's, of Germany to the gates of higher criticism, of England to the gates of worldliness and sin. Read Robert Evan's book, *Let Europe Hear*. Thousands of congregations in our land have lost the candlestick of God's presence. I read not long ago that the average existence of an American congregation on a given location is only seventy years.

Reasons

Comes the question, why?

The answer is simple. A congregation of Christians will remain a church of Christ as long as the church remains a church.

Now the church local has some recognizable attributes and properties. As long as it retains them it is a healthy church. When some are weak, perverted, or missing, it is a sick church. When enough are so, it is a dead church. A dead church is no church at all. By that time the house of God will have become a den of thieves with the judgment of God resting on it.

These characteristics are not formally listed in the Bible; they are demonstrated. Here, as frequently in other areas, theology is formed by extrapolation of general truths from history.

For a brief period the church universal and local were approximately one, all in one place, Jerusalem. The time was after that first Pentecost.

Let us open the door of review once more upon those last seven verses of the second chapter of the Book of Acts. They show us the first, pure, exemplary church and demonstrate for us a true image of a vital local church (see Acts 2:41-47).

Spiritual Life

The first and comprehensive mark of the local church, a mark that includes all the others, is vitality: that is, spiritual life. I refer to verse 41: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

A miracle of churchmanship took place in Jerusalem. It was not the fact that three thousand souls were saved that was so astounding, remarkable as that is. Rather, it was that a small church assembly of 120 adult souls (cp. 1:15) was able to absorb three thousand Jews and remain a Christian church. It was a 2,500-per-cent increase. These 120 were not socially and spiritually accommodated to the three thousand, but the reverse. This was no organizational accomplishment. Rather, a living, vital organism absorbed a bulk of 25 times its size. We hear of problems later, but the church of the apostles was equal to the task. The 120 were a microcosm of what the three thousand were to become. The 120 imparted their ideas, customs, institutions, habits, ideals, and activities to the three thousand.

There are churches that cannot absorb one neighboring family of sincere Christians and quickly make them feel at home. Yet love crossed all national lines here. "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya

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about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians"—these of diverse languages and customs were welded into a loving, living, preaching, praying force that overcame. The gates of hell did not prevail, but the gates of heaven did.

Bishop Newbigin of the church of South India, in his book *The Household of Faith*, has described modern urban society as the sand of the seashore, cast up and threshed about by a wave of the ocean, falling down to rest a moment only to be lifted by the next wave or the next full tide to be threshed some more. Men leave the country in droves for the city to join the restless "lonely crowd." They move from job to job, from town to town, with the result that "there is no business like the moving business." Christian people, to say nothing of unbelievers, caught up in this tide, are frequently bewildered and unhappy.

Let me cite a painful example.

Thirteen years ago I left my family in Indiana and came to seminary in Chicago to teach, hoping soon to find a house for our brood. I was lonely away from my wife and little ones. When I called my wife on the telephone she would usually cry. Came Wednesday night; as was my custom, I sought out a prayer meeting and found one in a nearby church. Expectantly, I came a bit early before more than two or three had arrived and sat down a few rows of

seats from the rear. The people came into the room through a door I had not known about. Some glanced curiously, perhaps even suspiciously, at the stranger, but none spoke. The pastor entered through still another door near the pulpit, led the service, and conducted a fair Bible exposition. He glanced at me once, but returned by the door whence he had come without speaking to me. I loitered a bit near my seat and after a few minutes returned to my room at the seminary dormitory as lonely as I had come. No one had even spoken to me. The gates of hell were beginning to prevail over that church. It was already in deep trouble.

The life functions of a vital church appear in the verses to follow. Four of them are in verse 42. Let us read it as the Greek text indicates and as the best commentaries, almost with one consent, suggest: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in the fellowship, and in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers." "They continued stedfastly" is in a construction indicating that all that follows in the verse is a list of functions to which they gave constant attention. They are not incidentals but the main thrust. This was the church's program, if we may use that really bad word.

Apostles' Doctrine

In the first place, they continued in, or gave constant attention to, the apostles' doctrine. The language is technical, exact, and plain. The word for doctrine is not the word for the gospel or evangel that is preached to the unsaved to bring them to Christ. It is not *kerygma,* but *didache,* teaching or doctrine—the whole counsel of God for those on the way to Christian maturity. Modern Christians are said to desire and need a contemporary message that makes Christianity relevant. The Bible says they need doctrine so they will know what Christianity is! Martin Luther made Christianity relevant by preaching doctrine. Dr. Luther emerged from his cell with a true discovery—that justification is not the same as sanctification. The former is complete upon the beginning of the Christian life. It need not await the end, as does entire sanctification. He labored the point in print and pulpit. The result was a fresh breath from heaven known today as the Reformation.

Understood in this its proper sense, doctrinal instruction obviously must have a place (first place, in fact) in the church's weekly schedule.

Fellowship

Next is "the fellowship." The Greek is plain here: not apostles' fellowship or ordinary sociability around a coffee cup, but *koinonia.* It is a word which involves mutuality, commonality, participation on the vital level of inner being. Aside from the indwelling presence of Christ himself, indeed even as an aspect of it, this mutuality was the most precious thing in the life of these people. Just as Jesus said it would, faith in Him separated these converts from Judaism from their families. Shortly it would separate the believing daughter from her pagan mother, the believing husband from his pagan wife, and a "man's foes" would become "they of his own household." The sword which Jesus promised came.

But every Christian had a new family, so that he could say with Jesus, "Who is my mother, or my brethren? . . . Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother" (Mark 3:33, 35). Our churches must be societies wherein those in trouble will feel at home. As long as they are without the tension of stress and pain, our churches are un-Christlike, for he was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

The fellowship of the church needs no coffee or any other physical element or facility for its production. Do "honeymooners" need coffee or special rooms and equipment for meaningful mutuality of affection? Neither will the church that has true *koinonia.* The basic need of today is for more love one for another and for the world Jesus died to save, not more social rooms and gymnasiums —useful as they may be.

It is interesting to observe that this *koinonia,* or loving fellowship, had an immediate practical outlet in the apostolic community, for "all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need" (Acts 2:44-45). This is the Christian formula for a "Great Society" even among poor people!

The Lord's Supper

The third aspect of the local church's vital activity is "the breaking of the bread," that is, the observance of the Lord's Supper. The reference is not to ordinary breaking of bread; that comes in verse 46. The Lord's Supper is mentioned here because this weekly observance was the heart of the church's worship. It was the recurring solemnity. No matter that in certain quarters it soon was corrupted from a memorial rite to a sacrificial offering with meaning dangerous to Biblical Christianity-- it was and remains the central instrument of collective worship.

But worship, being basically a thing of the heart performed "in spirit and in truth" rather than in form, is quite as central in other parts of the public meetings of the church. The sermon, the reading of the Scripture, singing, and prayer should be vehicles of worship.

Prayer

The fourth element in the vital processes of the organism known as church is prayer. This is not to be distinguished too sharply from worship. But it is named here with special emphasis, "and in the prayers"—that is, in the church's prayers. The early Christians gave "constant attention" to this.

Christian Testimony

Lastly, this vital thing we call the local church will constantly exercise itself in Christian testimony. The close of our passage lets us see the Jerusalem congregation thus engaged, and later passages spell it out.

The church against which "the gates of hell cannot prevail" is the holy universal church, the total number of God's elect of this age, some in heaven, some on earth. The gates of hell may prevail over local churches and somehow, sometime, usually do, as history sadly demonstrates. If, however, a local church remains a church, that church will prevail. Such a church will be a vital thing absorbing new persons into the body naturally and without pain, the existing body furnishing the inherent pattern for the growth to come. The vital processes in which the growth consists and exists will operate constantly, not sporadically. There will be five of them: (1) proclamation of apostolic doctrine, (2) the mutuality of life among the members, *koinonia,* "the fellowship," (3) worship of God, especially at the Lord's table, (4) united prayer leading to private prayer at home, and, finally, (5) praiseful testimony to the saving power of Jesus' name both in public and in private. ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY that the material provided the churches will be profitable in the special emphasis on home missions during this season.

PRAY for our missionaries to the Jews in Los Angeles as a regular fall schedule of calling and classes is resumed.

PRAY for an early completion of the Columbus, Ohio, church and a good beginning on the next building project at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

PRAY for the Christian day schools of our missions and churches, that teachers will be supplied and facilities under construction will be completed.

PRAY for the special emphasis on visitation and evangelism in our home-mission churches during the fall months.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts crusade meetings in Hollins, Virginia, and Lake Odessa, Michigan, during September.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver and his wife as they lead evangelistic meetings in Africa this fall.

PRAY for the director, Bill Smith, as he leads the work of the Board of Evangelism.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that all the new students may quickly become adjusted to campus life.

PRAY that the college and seminary retreats (September 21 and 28, respectively) will prove to be a great blessing to both students and faculty.

PRAY for a minimum of disciplinary problems on the campus this school year.

PRAY that a deep spiritual atmosphere may pervade both college and seminary.

SMM

PRAY for our new national officers as they assume their duties.

PRAY that as all of our SMM girls begin this new year, they may read their Bible through and memorize their chapters.

PRAISE the Lord for answered prayer at our national board meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that every Brethren Sunday school may participate fully in the enlargement campaign and reap results of enlarged schools.

PRAY that in the Sunday-school year just ahead there may be a renewed burden for reaching every community with the gospel.

PRAY that we may see at least one new Sunday school in every district in the new Sunday-school year.

PRAY for the itineration of the national Sunday-school director in these fall months.

PRAY for financial support from every Sunday school for the National Sunday School Board.

WMC

PRAY for the new National WMC officers as they serve the Lord throughout the coming year.

PRAY for the district and local officers throughout this next year.

PRAY that as each local WMC takes up the new Bible study, the ladies may experience a greater missionary vision. Pray that more of our youth will give their lives for missionary service both at home and abroad.

YOUTH

PRAY that our summer missionaries may profit from the practical experience they have gained.

PRAY for the office staff.

PRAY for the youth who have yielded to Christ.

PRAY for the youth who are still resisting God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the ministry of Christian magazines being printed by our mission in Africa.

PRAY that missionaries on the various fields might be able to reach students in colleges and other schools of higher learning.

PRAY for physical strength for our retired missionaries, and that God may continue to use them as a blessing to many people.

PRAY for wisdom from the Lord for the missionaries who from time to time must deal with government officials in the lands where they work.

PRAISE the Lord for the blessings which come through His Word, no matter what the language in which it is written or spoken.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the newly-elected officers for the coming 1966-67 year, that they may have wisdom from God in planning the laymen's work.

PRAISE the Lord for the total amount in the scholarship fund, and the assistance it provides for worthy students.

PRAY that more men will see the value in forming a laymen's group in their local church.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for an all-time high circulation of 9,456 copies of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* mailed out of our offices on Aug. 6, 1966.

PRAY for the continued support of this missionary work by our brotherhood in order that the free literature ministry might be broadened.

PRAY for the blessing of the Lord upon the ministry of the printed page in prisons, penitentiaries, hospitals and libraries.

CHAPLAINS

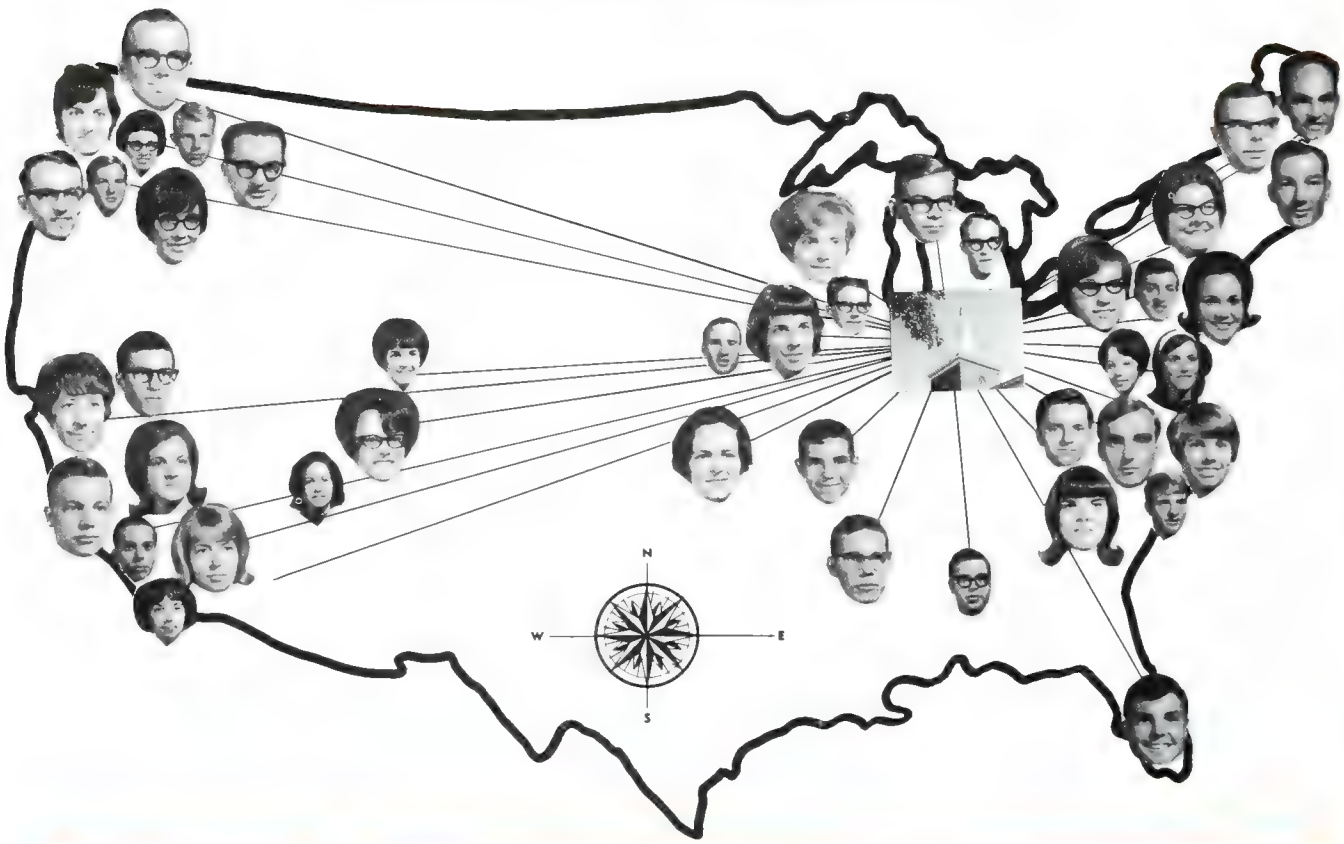
PRAISE the Lord for the safe return to the U.S. of Chaplain James Hutchens. He recently completed a year of overseas duty in Viet Nam.

PRAY for Chaplain Richard McNeely as he attends chaplain's school at Newport, R.I.

GRACE BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 1966

Students Are Coming From All Directions . . .



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Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Render to All Their Dues

Within recent years, and more especially within recent months, there has appeared within the boundaries of our beloved country an open disrespect and repudiation of constituted authority. Shameful public exhibitionism has been staged to display opposition to the conduct of the war in Viet Nam. In addition to mass demonstrations on college campuses and in public places, professors and students have displayed open contempt for government officials who have been delivering major addresses to public gatherings.

These unseemly demonstrations grow out of the conviction that disagreement justifies open repudiation and contempt. But on the purely human level, this is not true. Government officials represent a properly constituted level of authority. It must be presumed that these men are doing their best to discharge the responsibilities the citizens of the nation have laid upon them. It is therefore right and proper that the citizens should lend every aid to the accomplishment of these purposes, and neither by attitude or demeanor do anything to hinder. It is altogether possible that the citizen does not possess the information necessary to evaluate the rightness or the wrongness of governmental direction.

One grave outgrowth of the present demonstrations is the undermining of confidence and respect for government. This must inevitably move in the direction of lawlessness and anarchy. Perhaps that in part explains the tidal wave of lawlessness, riots, and insubordination that is sweeping across our land. Any interpretation of liberty that refuses to recognize restraint in the interests of others and the general welfare of the nation is not liberty but license.

No matter what the course of the world, the Christian cannot join in this pattern of response. At a time when a monster of iniquity was ruling in Rome, Nero Caesar, the apostle Paul wrote: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). This is a recognition of the fact that God is sovereign, and therefore works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11). To resist human authorities is thus to resist God (Rom. 13:2). The purpose of these authorities is to promote good and prevent evil (Rom. 13:3-4). The conscience of the believer should tell him that subjection and respect are proper (Rom. 13:5). He is paying taxes in order to enable the public authority to accomplish this task (Rom. 13:6). In line with that he ought to render to all their dues: respect to whom respect is due, and honor to whom honor is due (Rom. 13:7).

The believer is not only exhorted to recognize the purpose of God in establishing human government, and the purpose of men in organizing human government, but he is also exhorted to pray "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:2). In the midst of lawlessness, anarchy, and confusion that gospel cannot prosper. And it is God's purpose, and it should be the purpose of every Christian to join Him in this, to promote the gospel of the grace of God among the sons of men (I Tim. 2: 3-6).

Yea, and Beyond Their Power

The grace of giving among the saints and for the work of the Lord is as old as the Christian church. In chapters 8 and 9 of II Corinthians the most touching passage on this point in the entire Bible is recorded. It reaches the very heart of the matter when it points to that giving of God in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich (II Cor. 8:9). This makes Him the unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15). Many of these early Christians caught the significance of this event, and they went beyond their power in giving (II Cor. 8:3). It was this spirit that enabled the church to survive the crises of history and to make progress through difficulty. It is this same spirit that will enable us to accomplish the impossible in our day.

It is the prayer of us at Grace Seminary and Grace College that this same spirit of giving will possess Brethren people and enable us to accomplish the task before us in the building of the library for Grace Schools. Four good reasons argue for the display of this grace now.

1. We are living in a time of unprecedented prosperity. Never have the saints had more money in their hands than right now. And God has entrusted this into our hands for spiritual stewardship. To miss this opportunity may mean that it will be withdrawn. A change in the present economy could easily take place.

2. Giving now will enable the school to begin construction, and construction in process will have a tendency to stimulate further giving and the completion of this project.

3. Accreditation on the regional level has reached that point where the building of the library will almost certainly tip the scale in favor of approval. A library of this character will clearly indicate that the purpose of the school on the academic side is to promote quality education.

4. On the practical side and in line with the basic purposes of the school, the library is absolutely essential to the effective and efficient operation of the school. It is needed right now if we are to do our best in preparing young people for Christian service. ▼

Space-Age Christian Education

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During the first world war, the American Mathematical Association offered the services of its members to the War Department. The reply came: "Thank you, but we already have a mathematician." Today there are tens of thousands of mathematicians working in industry and defense. As recently as the late 1930's, scientists were strange men who worked in isolated parts of the world with limited private support, "playing" with an interesting hobby. Today the whole world is aware of the actions and discoveries of scientists, and money for scientific education and research is passed out by the millions by private and governmental agencies. A recent book by Ralph Lapp examines the rise to power of scientists under the title *The New Priesthood.*

What can the small liberal arts college do in the midst of such a rapidly expanding area of knowledge? What should the Christian college attempt to do as it prepares Christian young people to assume positions of leadership in such a scientific society?

Dr. Harlow Shapley, for 30 years head of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard, states in *Science Ponders Religion* that "scientists for the most part are agnostic. . . . Logical proofs of the existence of a personal God are to most of us meaningless." If this is the message of science to the young people of today, it should be obvious that there is a need for Christian schools to take a positive stand in presenting science in an atmosphere favorable to Biblical revelation.

First Corinthians 1:21 states that "the world by wisdom knew not God," and Romans 1:28 explains, "They did not like to retain God in their knowledge." One's knowledge of God, and his attitude and relation to God, therefore, do not stem alone from his scientific wisdom, but rather are the result of human choice and intent.

Second in series on the four divisions of the courses of instruction at Grace College

The facts of mathematics, chemistry, physics, and biology are no different for the Christian than they are for the unbeliever. A Christian chemist can analyze compounds, a Christian farmer can apply fertilizers scientifically, and a Christian mathematician can operate a computer. The Christian college need not exclude science from the curriculum just because the message of secular science is a godless one.

God in the very beginning placed man in charge of His creation, and in Genesis 1:28 said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." God's Word is for His people, and He has authorized them to *subdue,* or bring under control, the forces of nature. These include the forces of gravitation, electricity, atomic energy, and climate. Man's *dominion* over all living things is a direct command from God, and includes research in control of disease, the development of better nutrition, and the improvement of plants and animals.

The Natural Science Division

Every student in Grace College is required to take one year of a laboratory science, so as to experience in some depth the discipline and skill development offered by such a course. For those who plan to teach, additional work is required in other sciences, geography, and conservation. Every educated person needs to be acquainted with the vocabulary and general principles of both biological and physical science, and this need will become greater in the future.

Grace College is accredited by the State of Indiana for the teaching major in mathematics and the teaching minor in general science. Elementary school teachers, in addition to the science courses I have listed, are required by the curriculum to study mathematics during their sophomore year and to take some work in modern mathematics during their senior year.

Young people interested in the nursing profession may complete work for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing by combining their three years of study in a recognized school of nursing with two years of liberal arts education at Grace College.

Laboratory facilities at Grace College are being expanded at the present time, as equipment for biology is being installed. This area is being strengthened by the addition this fall of Mr. Daniel Wonderly, an experienced biology teacher with both biological and theological education of some depth. Laboratory facilities for chemistry and physics will be improved as the biology classes occupy their own laboratory quarters.

Science instruction and research as it is carried on in the large universities requires expenditures of vast sums of money for elaborate equipment, and much time on the part of leading professors. The Christian liberal arts college with its emphasis on teaching will likely never seek to compete with the large research institutions. Yet it is recognized that in the sciences, good teaching is supported best by the excitement and interest of original investigation on the part of instructor and class. Additional expansion of the division of natural science and the early construction of a science building are goals which must be pursued if Grace College is to provide these opportunities. ▼

We Are Siamese ...If You Please!

BY REV. PAUL R. FINK

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In his famous sermon, *The Keeper of the Springs,* Peter Marshall related the following allegory.

In a valley of the Alps lay a small village situated on the banks of a crystal clear and icy cold bubbling brook, fed by a spring from high up in the mountains. By this spring lived a hermit of whom the townspeople knew nothing. Every day the man went to the spring to get water. As he did so he removed from the spring any debris which, if not removed, would contaminate its water. Because of the hermit's work the townspeople below had the purest of water to drink and were the envy of the continent. By and by the old man died. Then there was no one to remove the branches, dirt, rocks, and other obstacles from the spring. In time it became contaminated, the stream became foul, and the people who drank the water became sick.

Peter Marshall used this allegory to set forth the crucial place that a mother occupies in the life of her family. I would like to use the same allegory to show the crucial place that Grace Theological Seminary occupies in the lives of the local churches of our denomination.

The town is our denomination made up of the local churches of our fellowship. The stream and the spring are the theological system that each of us holds dear. It is a pure system in which our souls have rejoiced and for which we (and others who hold the same system) are renowned. The keeper of the springs is Grace Theological Seminary. The seminary is situated at the headwaters of a school of theological thought. So long as the seminary polices the spring and removes any impurities that may tend to contaminate the stream, the water which our denomination drinks will be pure.

The existence of Grace Theological Seminary, therefore, is absolutely essential to the existence of our denomination. But that isn't all of the story. The existence of our denomination is absolutely essential to the existence of our seminary. We are Siamese, if you please! Each is completely dependent upon the other!

Five Ways the Seminary Can Help the Local Churches of Our Denomination

1. The seminary can keep abreast of current theological movements and keep the denomination informed of the dangers within them. Theological error is subtle and often difficult to detect. The seminary should be the "watch dog" for the denomination in this respect.

2. The seminary can turn out Christian workers, evangelists, missionaries, and pastors, thoroughly trained in the Word of God, able to communicate it effectively to others, and applying it to every situation in life.

3. The seminary can sponsor conferences and workshops. Some of this has been done. Last spring Grace Seminary sponsored a workshop for the Christian education staffs of local churches on teaching methods and materials. Similar workshops are being planned for pastors and for parents.

4. The seminary can supply pulpit speakers. It has a Speakers' Bureau whose services are available to the local churches upon demand, and which recommends capable students for pulpit supply.

5. It supplies men to work with the local church in the Pastoral Intern Program. This program is of mutual benefit to the local church and the seminary. A man can be obtained for a summer to be the pastor's understudy and substitute, trained to carry on the ministry of the church in the pastor's absence.

Five Ways the Local Church Can Help the Seminary

1. The local church can enlist and encourage students planning on Christian service to come to seminary. Christian service requires seminary training. The seminary trains the men, but the pastor and local church must send them to the seminary. They play a vital role in encouraging students to enter Grace Theological Seminary.

2. The local church can support the seminary financially. Education costs money. It costs the seminary approximately $1,050 per year to train one student. The student pays $460. This leaves $590 to be brought in from some other source. Brethren pastors and congregations greatly favor this scholarship program for Brethren men. Few, however, realize that for every Brethren student entering the seminary, much more money will have to be sent in from the various churches. At the present, only about 12 per cent of the seminary's support comes from Brethren churches. If, therefore, the school were solely dependent upon Brethren gifts, it would have to close its doors, with disastrous results to our denomination.

3. The local church can encourage the seminary in its ministry. It would be helpful if each church could have a first-hand report from a seminary representative at least once a year. The seminary would be greatly encouraged by the interest thus shown in its strategic work.

4. The local church can cooperate with and support the conferences and workshops sponsored by the seminary. The recent Christian education workshop is a good case in point. Out of a total of 49 paid registrations, only 11 were Brethren, representing just five of the 64 Brethren churches invited from Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

5. The local church can cooperate with the Pastoral Intern Program. Here is a good opportunity to invest directly in a young man's life ministry. Perhaps it will cost the local church between $700 and

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The story of a man who warns . . .

"Don't Miss the Christian College!"

I missed the Christian college!

Perhaps the greatest mistake of my life was in not attending a Christian college. There may have been some advantages in a secular university, but the losses were so great that I shall always regret my failure to identify myself with a Christian student group. This is one of the main reasons I have given more than thirty years of my life to Christian higher education.

What were some of the losses which I suffered—and still suffer?

Loss of Lasting Friendships

My most conscious loss is that of so few lasting friendships formed while I was in college. As a matter of fact, there was so little of mutual interest between me and my schoolmates in things pertaining to God's Word, spiritual matters, and preparation for Christian service that I formed no lasting friendships with other members of my class. I have not been in touch in more than twenty years with even one other member of my graduating class. Perhaps the fault is partly mine.

When I talk with those who chose a Christian rather than a secular college, I am almost envious of them in their continued interest in and contact with former fellow students. I feel the same way as I observe the wonderful friendships being formed each year on my own college campus. What these young people experience is simply marvelous.

To live together in a dormitory, to sing together in a quartet, choir, or chorus, to pray together, to be members of a gospel team, to share burdens with one another, to be members of a Christian athletic team —these produce bonds of friendship which far outweigh the friendships formed in secular institutions.

Absence of Christian Philosophy

Another loss I sustained in not attending a Christian college was the lack of sympathetic help, on the part of teachers, in relating the study and findings of sociology, psychology, philosophy, science, and other areas of learning to life values and to my own spiritual development.

Mine was a long, arduous, painful task to build a reasonable foundation for my faith. Except for help outside the school, I was in a battle all alone. I knew I had met God. I knew my life had been changed. I knew I was a born-again Christian. This was an incontrovertible fact which gainsaying teachers could not reason away. At the same time, however, I was not given assistance in building a rational foundation for my faith. This has long since been done. But it was in spite of my teachers in the secular college. Had I attended an evangelical Christian college, I would have had sympathetic yet scholarly help in relating my academic study to my faith and experience.

Lack of Biblical Training

A further serious loss sustained in my college days, which has been a veritable handicap throughout the years, was the absence of Bible study. My experience was quite typical. I was a country and small-town boy. I attended Sunday school throughout my childhood and youth. For a time I even identified myself with a teacher training program in the local church. The fact still remained that my understanding of the Bible was limited, and my knowledge of the proper way to study the Bible was negligible. Such understanding and such knowledge could have been gained at a Christian college.

BY

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But I went to a secular college! Those years which could have meant so much in living in and with God's Word went by with little progress in Bible training.

Through private study and other methods I have tried to remedy the situation. The fact remains, however, that students in Christian colleges, through required Bible study, obtain within their four-year college course proficiency in the study and use of God's Word which far exceeds my progress in self-directed effort.

No Christian Leadership Experience

The last loss or handicap sustained because I went to a secular rather than a Christian college is even more personal.

My post-college days have included much interest and effort in the promotion of church work, as it relates to individual and home religion. This has meant winning people to Christ and helping them to be effective Christians. Admittedly, the prime requisite for such work is a personal witness. I had such a witness "in my heart." But I did not get the training and experience necessary to witness properly to others. A Christian college could have provided such training and experience.—C.H.W.

As you plan for your college years, let nothing keep you from attending a Christian college. You will find academic training of a high order. But of much greater importance will be your gains in lasting friendships, in forming a Christian philosophy of life, in developing a personal faith and experience based upon God's Word, and in the effectiveness of your Christian testimony.

Grace College provides the environment necessary for lasting friendships, Christian philosophy, Biblical training, and Christian leadership. ▼

Is Our Formula Upside Down?

By John H. Stoll

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Though evangelical church attendance and membership today is on the increase, some disturbing facts suggest that not all is right. For instance, (1) pastors report a high incidence of spiritual problems in their congregations; (2) only a small minority in most congregations are active and effective witnesses outside the shelter of their own churches; (3) half of our young people going to Christian colleges today fail their preliminary Bible exams, and of those who choose a secular college, many soon find their faith overthrown.

Problems such as these seem to point to one rather obvious fact: many in our evangelical churches are not adequately grounded in the Word of God.

Why is this so?

Could it be that too much of our preaching today is done on the elemental plane and not enough on the advanced study of the Word?

Though the majority of people in our Bible-believing churches are Christians, the majority of sermons preached to these folk are evangelistic in nature. As a result, congregations are not getting the "whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), nor are they leaving the principles of the first things of Christ, which are essential to salvation, to press on into the meat of the Word (Heb. 6:1-2).

Even in teaching the Word of God there should be a note of evangelization, and every minister should be reaching souls for Christ. But is not his main task to expound the Word of God, to feed the flock (I Peter 5:2), to "preach the word . . . with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2)? Paul in his pastoral letters to Timothy and Titus continually stresses this obligation (I Tim. 4:6, 13-16; 6:2).

Because this emphasis has been neglected, many of our church members do not have a working knowledge of the Scriptures. This in turn has not only fostered churches filled with spiritually immature Christians, but it has also discouraged witnessing. Much has been said of personal evangelism and its techniques, but probably the average Christian is not a soul winner not so much because he doesn't want to be, but because he feels inadequately prepared to handle the Scriptures or to answer questions the unbeliever may ask. Thus he shifts the job of evangelization back to the already overburdened pastor (again note II Tim. 2:2; 3:17).

In effect, the church has turned the formula for evangelization upside down! A Christian invites his neighbor to church, hoping the pastor will have a good evangelistic message that will convict his friend. Thus he feels he has discharged his obligation. In reality he has only shifted it to the pastor.

This is not the Biblical formula. Rather, the mature Christian, instructed in God's Word, should seek to lead his friends to Christ and then bring them to church, where the pastor's Biblical instruction will build them up in the grace and knowledge of Christ. This is God's ordained way.

The average Christian today does not have an overall comprehension of the Bible: its panoramic scope, doctrines and teachings. Nor does he understand its geographical and historical settings.

Topical and textual preaching are largely responsible for this. Too much of our preaching Sunday by Sunday is hit and miss. Instruction in school is not a bit of this and a dash of that. It is systematic, logical, and taught so that the advanced is built upon the elemental. So should be our preaching. In this way Christians learn the whole counsel of God and "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God," says Paul, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17). The Word "throughly" has the thought of "completeness," or entirely suited in accomplishment. A mature Christian is mature because he has a comprehension of all the aspects of God's Word. The pastor must instruct people with this as his goal.

One reason why many church people lack in systematic Bible preaching is that the pastor does not do it. One reason why the pastor does not expound the Word systematically is that, by and large, he was not instructed that way in seminary or Bible college. Very few schools, training young men for the ministry, teach their men this method of instruction. The problem, then, comes back onto the church for not insisting that its schools train men to minister to them in this way. But the average church member does not know what is best for the church or for himself in matters of spiritual knowledge, and so he goes on satisfied with a "milk diet" instead of the kind of "meat diet" urged upon Christians (Heb. 5:11—6:1). This is the cycle that plagues the Christian church today.

How can we correct this situation in our churches?

First, the pastor should systematically begin to expound the Word of God week by week. Since he is the shepherd of the flock, it is his primary duty to "feed the flock" (Acts 20:28) and to declare the whole counsel of God. To the principles of the

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We Are . . .

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$1,000 for the summer, but it will bear eternal fruit. It will give a man on-the-job training long recognized by industry to be so important. Nobody wants a "greenhorn" for a pastor, and this is the best insurance that no church will have to have one.

It is apparent that Grace Theological Seminary and our local Brethren churches are inseparably linked together, completely interdependent upon each other. We are Siamese, if you please!—and, as with Siamese twins, the death of one invariably means the death of the other. But neither need die! You can help! Will you? ▼

Is Our Formula . . .

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"first things" (Heb. 6:1) should be added the "meat" of the Word. The pastor must not preach either one exclusively, but must combine the two into a "balanced diet," remembering his responsibility to "feed the flock."

Secondly, he should show his people that his main duty is to instruct the Christian, and that it is the Christian's responsibility to go out and evangelize. In many churches today pastors are pouring their evangelistic energies into the Sunday evening sermon, but non-Christians just aren't there. Meanwhile, a congregation of Christians sits all but immobilized as a potential evangelistic force.

Indeed, our church formula seems to be upside down. Reversing it would make us more efficient in our evangelistic outreach, reduce the spiritual immaturity within our churches, and build healthier young people and adults who would have a working knowledge of the Scriptures and could apply it both to their own problems and those of the world around them. ▼

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$200,000 in Cash Needed to Start Construction

$98,731 Received in Cash and Faith-Promises as of August 10

Record Enrollment Expected

Advance enrollments indicate that all existing records for Grace College and Seminary will be broken this fall.

College Division

As of July 20, 1966, 149 *new* students had been accepted in the college division compared with 116 on a comparable date in 1965. Of this number, 25 per cent will be *transfer* students.

Already 115 have been accepted for the freshman class, which is expected to number 145 to 150, a new record.

Returning students will number approximately 260. With 36 additional applications on hand and new ones coming in daily, it now appears that the college student body will number between 425 and 450, highest to date.

Seminary Division

Regular graduate student applications accepted number 53 for the junior class, 47 for the middler class, 27 for the senior class and four for special study, for a total of 131 in the graduate division.

New post-graduate students accepted for the Th.M. and Th.D. programs number ten, with eight additional post-graduates continuing in residence, for a grand total of approximately 149 resident students in the seminary. This will represent a 19 per cent gain over last fall.

The anticipated combined enrollment for the college and seminary is 574 to 590.

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Life at Adams 1721

Peace Corpsman or Missionary?



Landrum Photo

Peace Corpsman . . . or Missionary?

By Edward H. Arensen

I'm jealous! My ears get red and a strange feeling creeps over me every time I open a local East African newspaper and read about a new shipment of peace corpsmen off loading in Nairobi or Dar es Salaam. And such reports in the past few years have not been few. I read about their high training in various skills. They've had basic language study and some survival or jungle training. As representatives of Uncle Sam they are said to be the pick of American colleges and universities.

Now I have no arguments with the Peace Corps. Idealistically it's sound, and certainly everything possible should be done to further good relations and to introduce the American way of life in a country where communism is making a tremendous bid for supremacy. More power to them!

But the place where the green-eyed monster creeps up and sticks pins in me is right here. How many of these peace corpsmen are born-again Christians and should be coming out to Africa as full-fledged missionaries? The Peace Corps is gaining at the expense of the mission field, and I'm jealous.

Now wait a minute. Please get off my back. I do know that it's possible for a peace corpsman to be a real witness for Christ. The place of the layman in Christian service has been well proven. But listen for a minute.

I have picked up a church periodical half a dozen times in the past few months and found long articles on the Peace Corps program. Following along with the articles have been numerous pictures of young people from that group going out to serve under the Peace Corps. But in the same space of time I haven't seen one picture of a missionary headed for the foreign field. Just recently there was a picture of a young lady. All of her educational and spiritual qualifications were listed. What a missionary she'd make! But instead she's joining the Peace Corps and going out to teach the African women on the Gold Coast how to knit. Shades of chlorophyll!

Now it isn't that this church isn't carrying on its missionary work. They are evangelical and they are missionary minded. On the opposite page from the picture of the young lady previously mentioned was a sentence in small type. "Six young people were recently commissioned to the foreign mission work of the church." But no names—no pictures. After all, they were only missionaries.

From all indications, even among strongly evangelical circles, it's far more popular these days to be a corpsman than a missionary.

What bothers me is the downgrading of the missionary and his work by both the church and the world. Now I have been a missionary long enough so it does not bother me personally. I did not come to the mission field to get into the world's Who's Who. I am not jealous for myself, but for the missionary program of our blessed Lord.

What the Peace Corps is doing, missions have done better for a hundred years past. Missionaries have learned the vernaculars, not just a bit of kitchen Swahili. They have translated the New Testament and the complete Bible into scores of these languages. They have surveyed roads, established and run schools, taught manners, mechanics, morals, midwifery and micrology. They have built sawmills and harnessed rivers to turn generators and grist mills. Missionaries have healed the sick by surgery and modern medicine and fought the ancient disease of leprosy with outstanding success. They have lived with the African people and eaten grubs and monkeys and roasted ants—but they have not danced to the tom tom under the light of the moon, sampled African beer, or gone barefooted.

Instead they have raised the standards of African life by living saintly Christian lives. Missionaries have not been short termers with even a small salary paid from government coffers. They have lived by faith and expected to burn out under a tropical sun. And they have brought peace, true peace, peace to live with and peace to die with to thousands of African people.

We might add that they have done it a great deal more cheaply as well. It is reported that R. Sargeant Shriver, director of the Peace Corps, said, "It takes $9,000 per year to maintain each peace corpsman on the job." The average cost of maintaining a missionary on the field for a year is $2,000.

I'm proud to be a missionary—to follow in the train of those pioneers whose blood has stained these foreign soils and whose faith is now carried on in a live and flourishing national church.

The Lord has commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). Let's keep first things first. ▼

We are indebted to Mr. Arensen, editor of *Kesho*, a Swahili publication based in Kenya, Africa, for the privilege of reprinting this article.—FMS Editor.

Editorially Speaking



By
Dr. Russell D. Barnard

As this is being written just prior to the opening of the 1966 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, every indication is that a great conference is in the offing. The day of prayer on Saturday, August 13, was a time of real blessing. The Sunday-school convention, now in progress, is an outstanding event. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society was held this past week. It is hardly fitting to report details of the actions taken, since the meeting of the society corporations is yet in the future, and there will be further meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Suffice it to say that the year past has been one of the greatest years in the history of Brethren Foreign Missions. We anticipate that four new missionary families—the James Renicks, Thomas McDairmants, Earle Hodgdons, and George Wallaces—will be in active service by the end of 1966. But if this is to be true, we will need very fine cooperation in the receiving of total support commitments and outfit funds for these families, because new families cannot leave for the field until these two items are cared for.

News Items

Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson have returned to the States from their special tour of duty in Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer, and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy have returned from Africa for furlough.

Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, on furlough from Argentina, have returned to the U.S. after two months spent in Puerto Rico, where they supplied while the James Dickson family was in the States.

Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cover and their families are scheduled to leave together on the same ship on August 17, bound for their respective fields of Brazil and Argentina. It is hoped that the Covers can spend a few days in the Belem area in Brazil before going on to Argentina.

Rev. and Mrs. Randall Maycumber have come to the States because of some special family needs. It may be up to two years before they can return to Brazil. They are living in Orlando, Florida.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop have resigned from our mission in Argentina, and have returned to the U.S. They are living in Sunnyside, Washington. Mrs. Bishop has had health problems, and since returning to the States has spent some time in a hospital in Seattle. The Bishops are awaiting the Lord's leading as to their future service for Him.

Miss Marian Thurston is scheduled to return to Africa at the end of August, and Miss Edith Geske plans to return in early October.

The board of trustees has been conducting an investigation in relation to Spain as a possible field of endeavor. Further investigation is to be made on the field in Spain, possibly in the early fall. This preliminary mention is being made to enlist great cooperation in prayer, and a more complete announcement will be made a bit later. ▼



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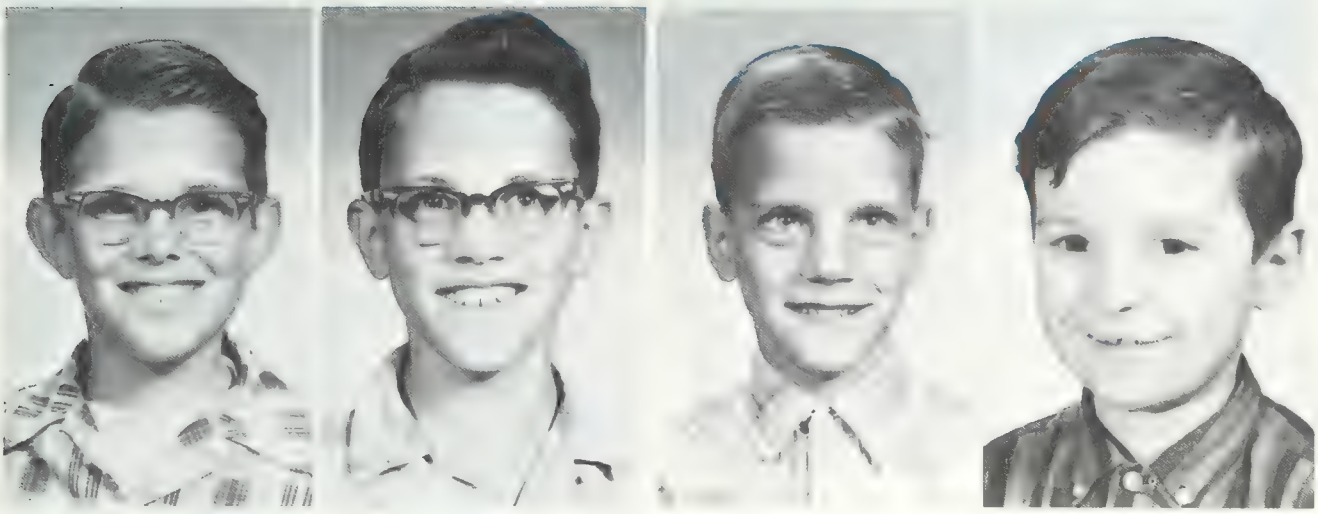
The "Bateau Mouche" sightseeing boat) on the Seine River in Paris. In the background, on the island, Notre-Dame Cathedral. (Air France photo)

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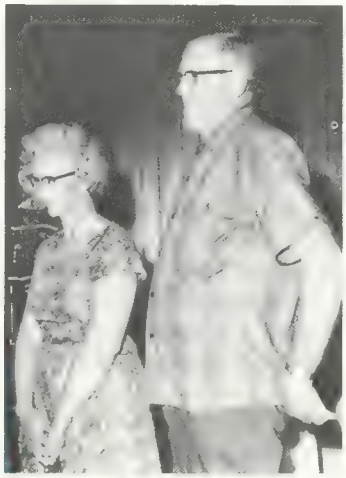
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



MISSIONARY HELPERS. Here are four boys from the new Grace Brethren Church at Beaverton, Oregon. They are, left to right: Lester Nelson (age 12), Chester Nelson (age 11), Marvin Nelson (age 8), and Wade Newkirk (age 7).



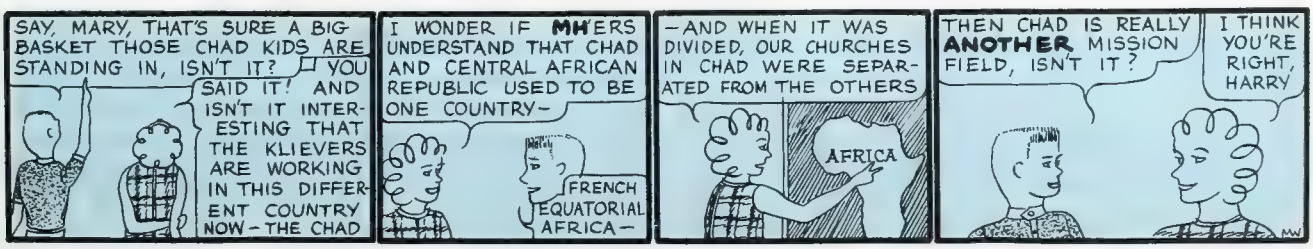


Knowing Your Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever have recently returned to Africa after furlough in the U.S. Their new job as missionaries is to work with the Brethren churches in the Chad. Chad is a separate republic bordering on the north of the Central African Republic, where the other Brethren missionaries work.

Pictured at the left are some Chad children. Take a close look—yes, they are all standing in one basket. This is a big basket used for storing grain.

MARY MISSIONARY



Front Line Focus

--FMS News From All the World

Gun Mishap Hurts Chris Ball, 14

BOZOUM, C.A.R. On Tuesday, July 26, Christopher Ball, 14 years old and the eldest child of missionary printer Harold Ball and his wife, went on a hiking trip into the "bush" nearby with a group of other boys living at the Bible Center station. While there Chris suffered an accident with a .22 rifle, when the gun discharged and the bullet went through his upper lip, the bones of the nose and cheek, and grazed the eyeball.

Because Dr. Mason, the mission surgeon, was away from the Medical Center on a trip to the Chad, Chris was rushed to the government hospital at Bouar, 110 kilometers west. Accompanying him were his mother, the Eddie Mensingers, and Miss Rosella Cochran (Miss Cochran and Mrs. Mensinger are nurses). The doctor there recommended going to Bangui, where there is now an excellent eye specialist. Officials wired for a government plane from Bangui. Within two hours Chris and Mrs. Ball were en route to the capital city. There the specialist operated on Chris' eye, and bandaged it. This item is being written during the 15-day period of waiting before the outcome of the surgery will be known.



Chris Ball and pals.

At the time of his son's accident, Harold Ball was in the Chad, delivering literature.

Castro's Communism Pops Up in Africa; Publishes False "Bible"

CONGO, AFRICA. Castro-communism has raised its ugly head in Africa! No one would have been surprised if Castro's gains had been in Latin America, for he has been trying to export communism to that part of the world for several years. But eyebrows upped as his first foothold outside Cuba has been gained in Africa. Russia and Red China have tried for a long time to get into Africa with their brand of communism but, generally speaking, have had little success.

According to *U. S. News & World Report* four hundred Cuban communist "military advisers" are entrenched in the Congo, one of the republics formed by the breakup of French Equatorial Africa. This former French-controlled territory is not to be confused with the former Belgian Congo. It is interesting to observe that there were Cubans involved in the 1964 struggle in the Belgian Congo with the Simba rebels. However, these were loyal Cubans who were quick to say, "Cuba si, Castro no."

Another move by the Communists has been made in a very strange field—the publishing of the Bible! According to an article by Leo Heiman in *The Missionary Crusader* (July, 1966), "The Bibles are with commentaries which turn them into propaganda tools for the Communists." Three rewritten and "updated" editions of the Holy Book are being peddled in East and West Africa, according to the report. These they call "The True Bible," "The Illustrated Bible," and "Stories from the Bible."

Jobsons Back After Busy 15 Months

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. Dr. and Mrs. Orville D. Jobson arrived here on July 29 after an absence of nearly fifteen months. At the request of the Africa field council, the Jobsons had gone to Africa so that Dr. Jobson might assist in teaching during the furloughs of several missionaries whose primary responsibilities are in the teaching field. During their stay on the field, the Jobsons found it possible to get out into various bush chapels and preaching points over weekends and other free periods, and the Lord greatly blessed this ministry.

The Jobsons are again occupying their apartment in the Bethany House missionary residence, and Dr. Jobson will be resuming his speaking and conference ministry in the homeland.



Jobsons in the C.A.R.

Cadet Missionaries Head for States

CHATEAU DE SAINT-ALBAIN, FRANCE. Dan Hammers and Larry DeArmey, "cadet missionaries" who assisted in the Brethren work in France for a 15-month period, were scheduled to sail from Le Havre on August 19 aboard the SS *Rotterdam,* with arrival in the States due on August 25. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers and Rev. and Mrs. Richard DeArmey planned to meet their sons upon their arrival in New York City.

The young men will resume their studies as middlers in Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Rev. Tom Julien, missionary in charge at the Chateau, has reported recent blessings in the work:

"There have been a number of conversions recently, and evidence of growing interest in the Chateau. We have people here almost constantly; I would not have imagined that within two years the work could develop as it has. We are convinced of the value of a neutral center bridging the gap between the church and the man on the street, and trust that by this fall Bible classes on the local level will be started, developing eventually into churches. About five of the youth have asked to be baptized—perhaps toward fall we'll do that. We do not want to be in a hurry, but most of the conversions seem genuine.

"Concerning literature, we have finished the series of five tracts and are in the process of distributing the last of the series. There seems to be a wide interest in this approach, and we shall therefore probably make them available to workers all over France."

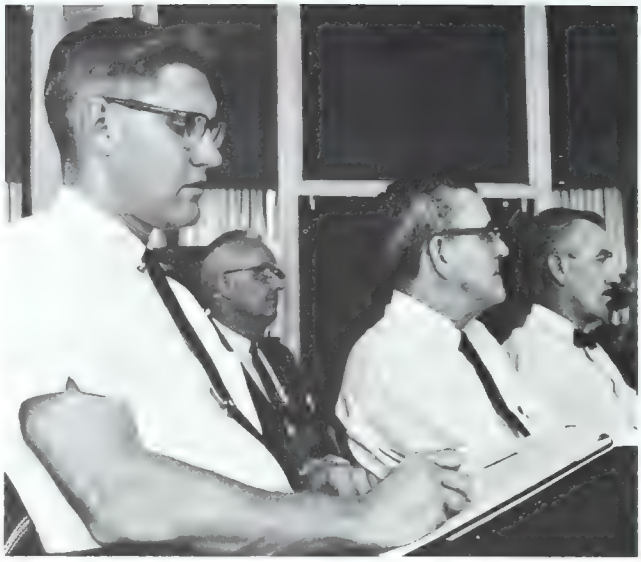
"Many Visitors in Bangui!"--Says Host

BANGUI, C.A.R. The traffic gets terrific at mission headquarters here from time to time! Rev. Roy Snyder reports:

"About the time the Cones headed up country, the Ball family came down this way with Mrs. Kennedy's outfit to take to M'Baiki. They were here overnight and went to M'Baiki the next day. She stayed in M'Baiki five days getting the house set up for Lester [Kennedy] and family. The day after the Ball family arrived, Klievers came to get some more things, and also did some packing of the remainder of their outfit that is to be taken up north when the builder's truck comes down this way again. The day before the Klievers departed from Bangui, the Jobsons arrived. Later in the day Goodmans arrived. That was the 19th [July]. Goodmans had a loaded pickup as they brought the remainder of their outfit—some had been brought before on the big truck. There has been quite a bit of confusion here with Klievers and Williamses moving out and Goodmans moving in, then the coming of the Kennedys. Williamses will be going to Batangafo to take some of their outfit up there to store during their furlough. They plan to spend most of August at Batangafo. Lord willing, the Mason family will be arriving in Bangui at the beginning of next week to go on furlough. The Balzers also plan to leave on the plane of August 4, while Mrs. Kennedy leaves on the 2nd."

Brethren Featured at ELO Conclave

ARROWHEAD SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA. "All Business" was the motto at the full and informative ELO (Evangelical Literature Overseas) conference. Three Brethren delegates (left to right), Africa missionary Don Hocking, Assistant General Secretary Clyde Landrum, and Brazil missionary Eddie Miller, profited greatly from this literature conclave. Don Hocking was one of the featured speakers for the conference. Every phase of the literature movement overseas was discussed, and valuable helps were received for the carrying on of this important ministry.



Hocking, Landrum, Miller at ELO.

Missionary Unharmed in Freak Accident

CIUDAD GENERAL BELGRANO, ARGENTINA. Rev. James Marshall writes concerning God's protection in a time of danger:

"We had a meeting of the national council and also missionary group in Rio Cuarto. I drove up this time. On the way I had a terrifying experience.

"A truck came toward us at a high rate of speed. Just before it passed us, one of the supporting bars for the canvas roof came loose and swung out across the road just in front of the car, at windshield level. I saw what was going to happen and tried to swerve off the road, but there was a cement culvert there. I ducked my head under the dashboard and guess I prayed. It was so fast I couldn't do much. Well, we heard the crash but no sound of glass. I got out and saw that the heavy wooden bar had hit right on the corner of the door, but that it had done no damage to speak of. The bar tore the windshield wiper off, bent the support arm in a knot, but didn't break the glass. I cannot explain how that happened, but believe that God's hand was between the bar and the glass. We thank the Lord for His protection once again."

New Missionaries Dedicated

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. Traditionally, the dedication of new missionaries is a part of the Sunday morning worship service at the Brethren national conference. This past August 21, three missionary couples were set aside for the Lord's service on the foreign field. They were Rev. and Mrs. James Renick for Africa, Rev. and Mrs. George Wallace for Brazil, and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hodgdon, also for Brazil. Several members of the board of trustees and office staff took part in the dedication.

One other missionary couple would have been included in the service, but it was not possible for them to be present at national conference. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDairmant (Africa) were at their home in Southern California, engaged in preparations involved with their hoped-for departure in mid-September.

The speaker of the morning was Dr. Russell D. Barnard, FMS general secretary.

Life at

Adams 1721

Third of a Series

By Wilson Okite

I'd like to show you "my home" and "my church." While to some they are just another home and church, to me they are different, for it was here that I first learned about my Saviour. Won't you please join me as we look in on the beautiful and comparatively quiet section of New San Juan.

Behind the walls at Adams 1721, Las Lomas (Summit Hills) is an international center, a language laboratory, a theological school, a Brethren church . . . diversity of experience, richness of life, completeness of service.

There is hardly such a thing as a typical week in this home-church. As a general rule, the house is full—not only because of the full weekly programs, but also because of the many visitors who come and go, and others like me who become adopted into the family.

"But the history of the church is not particularly spectacular" is the comment you get from Pastor Max Brenneman when you ask him about the church. And yet, the history of The Brethren Church in Puerto Rico *is,* in its own special way, spectacular.

It started in 1958. Mr. Brenneman was pastor of the Brethren church in Fillmore, California. At the annual national conference that year Mr. Emmit Adams, who was living in Puerto Rico as a factory manager, made the appeal for Puerto Rico to be adopted as a mission field.

Upon hearing that Puerto Rico had been officially designated as a field of the FMS, Mr. Brenneman "felt urged" to turn to his wife and suggest: "Let's volunteer to go to Puerto Rico on a self-support basis." Her answer was, as a good wife: "Whatever you say!"

By the end of the year, the Brennemans had been officially accepted and shortly afterwards were on their way to Puerto Rico.

The first services were held in the home of the Paul DeVos family, who are members of the Third Brethren Church in Philadelphia. Shortly, the church building of the Crusada Evangelica Misionera in the heart of the metropolitan area became the place of worship.

In February, 1960, Rev. James Dickson, with his wife, June, and their two children, arrived to start the Spanish arm of the mission. For some time both the Spanish and English branches of the work were cared for under the same roof. But when this proved impractical, the Dicksons began a work in their own home in Country Club, while the Brennemans began likewise to use their home in Las Lomas as both parsonage and church.

When I lived with the Brennemans, about a year ago, they were still largely a self-employed family. This was very difficult for me to understand. For, in reality, they were full-time missionaries. There was always that penetrating and personal concern for each of the members of the church in addition to an aggressive evangelistic outreach.

The church actually is a fellowship of friendly families and their friends. Mr. Brenneman realized the importance of this family unity in a Puerto Rican setting. This awareness of a cultural reality accounts for, humanly speaking, the unity and stability and confidence which exist in the church. And yet many *individuals* who have wandered thousands of miles away from their native homes have come to this church and have found fellowship.

But the more important characteristic of this church is its willingness to live by the Word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I became convinced that this fellowship was exalting the Christ of the Bible, the same Christ whose Spirit lives with us through our everyday experiences, both in the practice of their daily living and in their beliefs.

I have accepted this fellowship to be a part of the true church of Christ because of the manifest reality of dynamic, living love which exists among the brothers and sisters. And so I can fully submit myself to this Brethren church, and wholly accept my various obligations therein, for I know that the Lord my God and Saviour lives there! ▼

IN BRAZIL . . .

God's Power Was Revealed to Me!



By Mrs. John Zielasko

In our Christian experience there are times when we must endure situations which shake our faith. At times we think it impossible to go through such an experience. We could not endure if we did not have God on our side. At times like these the Spirit brings to our remembrance the words of a hymn or a passage of Scripture such as Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

During the years we spent in Brazil these verses were used by God's Spirit to remind me over and over again that we can never be separated from His love.

". . . neither death. . . ." My faith was severely shaken when God saw fit to take my friend Maria home to glory. She was one of the first to accept Christ in our church in the interior town of Capanema. I saw Maria for the first time as she and her daughters came into the tent where we were holding special evangelistic meetings. She had dark curly hair and was a mere four feet six inches in height. She listened intently, and although she didn't come forward that night, she accepted Christ in her heart. She told me later, "This is what I have been waiting for all of my life." She became a close friend and confided in me, explained customs of her people, and brought me many lovely tropical plants for my garden. She asked my suggestions for disciplining her children. She wanted so much to rear her eight children for Christ. Then she took sick and in a week's time was dead. "Why, Lord?" was my cry. Would my doubting heart turn bitter in this encounter with the reality of death? Would this separate me from God's love? No, instead, it drove me to His Word, and He drew me closer, comforted me with the admonition that His will and way are perfect.

". . . nor principalities, nor powers. . . ." All at once, it seemed, a revolution was upon us. The communists were inciting rebellion. We were instructed to carry our identification cards with us at all times. The military police were everywhere—patrolling the streets, in the post office, in front of any government office. Even Jake, the Jewish money-changer, was in great fear. He had fled from communistic aggression in Europe and knew what treatment to expect from communism. What if the communists won out? What would happen to us foreigners, and Christians at that? Would we have to flee, or face rugged persecution? Would we bravely die for Christ? Again the Lord's admonition became meaningful—none of these things can "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

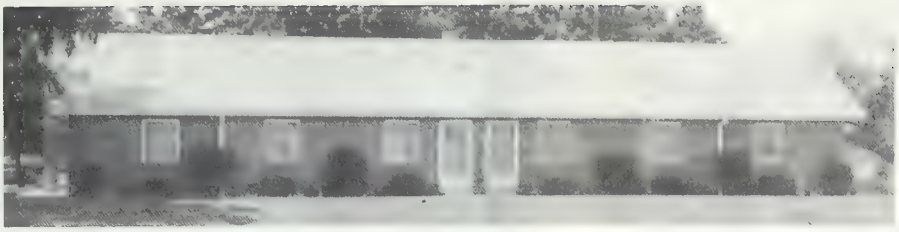
". . . things present. . . ." Do you ever bog down under your daily load? In Brazil there are ever so many annoyances: the ever-present quantity of bugs, the depressing humidity, the torrential rains during the rainy season. There are the fight to keep well, the unexpected fevers, the sadness of poverty, and widespread incurable disease. No, the present things have not the power to separate us from God.

". . . nor things to come. . . ." Each of us could list fears for the future. There is the thought of annihilation in an atomic war, the dread of cancer or some other disease. Yes, these things can be upsetting, they can bring worry to us; but why worry about things to come when we know that our lives are in God's hands? His love surrounds us.

". . . nor height, nor depth. . . ." Have you ever heard someone say, "Oh, I could never fly a plane"? Or another say, "I would be afraid to sleep on a ship out there on the vast ocean"? Often at the times of our departure for the field or returning to the States for furlough there have been tragic air disasters which put doubts in our minds as to the safety of air travel. As we fasten our safety belts before take-off and as the air hostess goes through the routine explanations of how to use the life jackets in case of accident, the thought occurs: "What if these are our last moments on earth?" But we have His promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Why should we fear heights in air travel or depths of the sea over which we sail? Can't His power reach to the highest heavens and to the deepest depth of any sea?

". . . nor any other creature. . . ." No, not even Satan in all his power can separate us from the love of God. Why? Because our lives are hid in Christ, God's Son. Nothing can remove us from this secure position. We are His. ▼

WMC Home Missions Offering--September, October, November



At right: Philathea House for retired missionaries

"The Philathea House Is a Blessing"

(First in a series of messages to WMC from our retired missionaries)



RETIREMENT

By Mrs. Rose Foster

My husband and I had served almost twenty-five years in Africa with only three furloughs. Then the fall of 1950 loomed before us, with the prospect of another furlough and possible retirement. Mr. Foster's health was failing; thus the prospect of returning to Africa after furlough, at our age, was doubtful.

One thing that was present in our daily thinking and prayer was the question of where we would live in the homeland. On the field our income was sufficient to meet our daily needs, but there was not an over supply to lay aside for the future.

We had not been aware of the seriousness of Mr. Foster's illness. Therefore it was a shock to hear the French doctor say the never-to-be-forgotten words: "There is no hope for recovery; call your mission doctor." Soon thereafter the Lord called my beloved companion to his eternal home in glory.

Then I faced the future alone. When I arrived in the States, there was no Philathea Residence, no place I could call home. My sisters were kind and offered me a home, but it did not seem advisable to accept their invitation. All of them lived far from any Brethren church. But the Lord is faithful. He has said, "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight" (Isa. 45:2). "I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32: 8). "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). With these and many other precious promises my furlough and, later on, my retirement began.

The first year in the homeland the Lord very graciously opened a place of service for me. There were 13 girls in Grace Seminary who needed a house mother, and I was given the blessed privilege of occupying that place of service and blessing. The following 11 years were spent in traveling among our churches, promoting the cause of foreign missions.

In 1959 the Lord laid a burden upon the hearts of our WMC ladies to build a residence for retired single ladies. This home became a reality in 1961.

I am thankful for those who planned it. Surely our all-wise God led them. He knows that even missionaries are human and individualistic.

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Africa—

Catherine Denise Ball November 8, 1955
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. J. P. Kliever November 12
B. P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa

Rev. Donald F. Miller November 13
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. George E. Cone November 16
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. Gilbert Aellig November 28
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Brazil—

Terry Mark Schwartz November 7, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Rev. Edward D. Miller November 11
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mexico—

Rev. James P. Dowdy November 1
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

Rev. Phillip Guerena November 29
Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico, D. F.

Puerto Rico—

Rev. Maxwell H. Brenneman November 29
P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00919

In the United States—

Sharon Marie Mason November 1, 1962
724 Anderson Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Rev. C. B. Sheldon November 8
c/o Sturges, 2021 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California

Rev. Hill Maconaghy November 25
1233 S. 56th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143



Mrs. Clara Rodgers relates some of her own personal experiences . . .

A WMC LADY HELPED IN NAVAJOLAND!

"A Navajo baby girl is born!"

"The mother died?"

"Yes, she died on the way to the mission. She was a young mother of about eight little children."

"What about the baby?"

"She's just fine. Grace and Lee Trujillo have been enjoying her in their home since she came home from the hospital. Her name is Rebecca Sue."

This happened the Sunday night following Thanksgiving. After that, Grace trusted Becky with me quite often, sometimes for a full day. It was a joy to bathe, feed, rock, and love her. She made herself right at home in our apartment. The dorm girls were delighted with her. Becky is very bright and is learning well. Already she responds to two languages—English and Navajo.

Grace and Lee want to adopt her but haven't been able to do so yet. Without any help from the father they have provided for her needs with the help of some clothes from the mission clothing room.

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Knock, knock! It was a Navajo lady, who lives up on the mesa near the mission, to visit me. With her was Irene, her granddaughter, one of my little dorm girls. I served them cookies and fruit juice. (It is Navajo courtesy always to give a visitor something to eat.)

After formalities, the grandmother produced a bundle containing a lovely Navajo rug. Irene interpreted for us, and I bought the rug.

Later, at the eighth-grade graduation banquet, which included this Navajo lady's grandson and my son, Bob, we were at the same table. She smiled at Bob, her bright, black eyes twinkling, and said something in Navajo. He smiled and replied. The Navajos all chuckled. My curiosity led me to ask what they had said.

She had said, "Hello, Bobby, my grandson!" He answered, "Hello, my grandmother!" They had accepted him as one of the tribe.

This grandmother was a perfect lady, very polite. She does not speak English and does not go to church to hear the gospel. Pray for her salvation.

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Dorm life at the mission is a great deal like life in any large family. Getting the children ready for school; baking birthday cakes and planning parties; ordering, fitting, altering, and mending clothes; shampooing and combing hair; having study time, play time, party time, and, most of all, devotional time—all these were part of our routine.

The little girls loved to be rocked and would line up to be next. After devotions, as I tucked each one in bed, we had a blessed time as they responded in their individual way to the gospel. There were many decisions to ask Jesus to come into their hearts. Pray that these girls may grow in their Christian life and take the Good News to their own people.

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Larry Wedertz took Bob deer hunting one day when I took the Trujillo family to Albuquerque. We had a nice, sociable trip, and I proved to be the "foreigner" in the group. Lee drove my car part of the way home.

All day I had been praying for the safety of the hunters, so it was a relief to see a light in our apartment as we drove up. To our surprise they had each shot a deer! The two beautiful animals were hanging on a telephone pole, high enough to be out of reach of the dogs. This was 13-year-old Bob's first time deer hunting. He brought home plenty of



Rebecca Sue.



Mrs. Clara Rodgers and some of her girls.

meat for a $7.50 license.

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Mrs. Mauzy and I had the privilege of teaching the pre-school children's Sunday-school class. Sometimes there were 24 present. Mrs. Mauzy led the singing and was in charge of the offering time. How delighted the children were to have something to give! We received almost $10 for the Tom Juliens in France.

It was amazing to see these tiny tots learn. We explained the lessons with pictures, pantomime, and flannelgraph, and we prayed that they would understand and accept Jesus as their Saviour. It was a real joy to hear them take part in their prayer circle. What a blessing to have a part in giving out the gospel to children—ones who hear it for the first time!

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It was my privilege to go with Angie Garber twice on her visitation in the hogans. As we visited hogan after hogan, Angie read the Bible lesson in Navajo and gave a wonderful application. We gave out Sunday-school papers, such as *Power*. If the people could understand English, she asked me to close the visit in prayer.

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I praise God for permitting me to serve at the Brethren Navajo Mission as the girls' dorm matron. He now has raised up dorm parents for the girls, so they will be doubly blessed. ▼

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Local Councils Report

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO. The Senior WMC ladies are making soap with the Junior WMC for the Navajo mission; we sent 300 pounds last year and hope to have as much this year. School books have been sent to Miss Ruth Kent, missionary children's teacher in Africa, and at Thanksgiving we sent boxes to our boys in the service. Locally, we have been providing pennants and awards for the contest in the Junior and Middler SMM. We save Betty Crocker coupons and also used postage stamps. We helped clean the church, provided books for our church library, and passed out 1,078 tracts. Food was provided for three needy families, and gifts were sent to the Children's State Hospital. During our missionary conference we prepared a display table on Puerto Rico.

Gladys McConkie, president

STERLING, OHIO. On the 15th day of prayer, besides praying for our missionaries and other requests, we have a discussion of the Bible study that we are to have at our next regular WMC meeting. We gave a party and made pennants for our SMM girls, and also entertained the district SMM rally. We have made squares and jackets for African babies, and painted our kitchen trays. We are buying towels and bed linens for three families from our church who are serving in the American Sunday School Union in southern Ohio.

Mrs. Ruth Norton, literature secretary

LEXINGTON, OHIO. On May 12, 15 ladies met at the home of Eleanor Cook to organize the Lexington WMC. Mrs. Jayne Cole and Mrs. Ann Lenhart were present. Mrs. Duane Reed presented the group with a book, *A Farthing in Her Hand,* from the Woodville council (Mansfield, Ohio) to start the church library. Mrs. Masters presented the Pen Pointer "What is WMC?" and went over materials needed by the officers.

WMC Membership Recommendations

August 1965

A WMC Membership Study Committee was appointed at national conference in 1964. From the questions and suggestions of seven districts the following recommendations were made. Local and district officers may save these for their records.

1. Local membership is based on attendance and confession of Christ as Saviour. Active membership is made up of those women who have signed the covenant card after attending meetings. Those who do not attend regularly and show no interest should be considered inactive and should be visited as part of the local missionary endeavor.

2. The non-Christian woman, too, should be a part of our missionary endeavor and should be invited to attend but should be won to Christ before being invited to become a member.

3. The roll should be revised once a year at the annual consecration meeting. Those who are absent should be contacted.

4. In the case of new groups, it is suggested that as few as two officers could be used (president and secretary-treasurer), and other committee chairmen could be appointed.

5. Large councils may divide, but this should not necessarily be by age. The size of the group should be determined by the meeting place desired. The goal must be to make our ministry to one another more effective, that we may win others for Christ..

6. The local constitution as set up by the National WMC should be used as a basis for the local WMC. Any elaboration of this for local activities may enlarge the pattern but should preserve the main structure of the constitution as given.

The members of the committee are Mrs. Gerson Laubender, chairman, Mrs. Paul Dick, and Mrs. Lester Pifer.

WMC 1966-1967

"So Send I You"



The National Executive Committee met Thursday, August 11, at the home of the president, Mrs. Thomas Hammers. Seated above, left to right, are Mrs. Thomas Hammers and Miss Elizabeth Tyson. Standing, left to right, are: Mrs. Williard Smith, Mrs. Herbert Bess, Mrs. Robert Ashman, Mrs. William Schaffer, Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton and Mrs. Gerald Kelley.



Pictured at left is the National WMC Board (national officers and district presidents). It convened Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, in the recreation room of the residence hall at Grace College.

TOO BUSY TO HEAR!

Did it ever occur to you that if you do not hear God's answer to prayer, it may be not because He is dumb, but because you are deaf; not because He has no answer to give, but because you have not been listening for it? We are so busy with our service, so busy with our work, and sometimes so busy with our praying, that it does not occur to us to stop our own talking and listen if God has some answer to give us with the "still, small voice"; to be passive, to be quiet, to do nothing, say nothing; simply to be receptive and waiting for the voice. "Wait thou only upon God," says the Psalmist, and again, "Wait on the Lord."

—Selected

WMC Mail Gleanings

We wish to express our continual thanks to the various ladies in the WMC for their help this year. It has been constantly an amazement to see God providing the needs as they arise, and the whole ministry of the Chateau has been an evidence of God's concern for this country. The decision of the WMC to take a project in France at this particular time was certainly God's timing. This was the year the debt had to be paid, the year the sanitary facilities had to be installed, and the year Dan Hammers and Larry DeArmey were here to do the work. We do hope that some day you will have the opportunity of visiting us here to see what your generosity has accomplished.

In Him,
Tom and Doris Julien

To the Editor:

"This is my first attempt at writing an article for the *Herald*. We trust the Lord will give us something to His honor and glory. May we have a copy of the magazine mailed to us?" —E.H.

"Thank you for the invitation to write an article for the *Herald*. I shall be glad to do it and will plan, Lord willing, to get it to you by the deadline. It was encouraging to me to learn that there were those who would be praying for me as I write." —L.L.

"I received your letter concerning an article for the *Herald*. I would be happy to serve in this way, although I must confess it will be a new experience! With the Lord's help, prayers, and my husband's advice I shall have it ready for you before the deadline."—J.W.

"I consider your invitation to write an article for the *Brethren Missionary Herald* a real privilege. It is with dependence upon God that I accept this challenge."—B.O.

1966-1967 SMM Offerings, Goals, Recommendations



Offerings for 1966-1967

1. September—November (Due Dec. 10, 1966)—Home Interests—Support of Grace Trujillo $1,000
2. December—February (Due March 10, 1967)—Operation SMM . . $1,000
3. March—May (Due June 10, 1967)—Birthday Offering—Partial Payment Toward the Higher Education of Missionaries' Children $1,500
4. June—August (Due Sept. 10, 1967)— Publication and Youth Council—For Herald Expense and Youth Council General Expense $1,000

Total $4,500

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

(Dates must be postmarked no later than specified dates)

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring, the fall meeting for program and overall planning and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.

2. At least one postcard item sent to the National SMM editor, Miss Linda Edmiston, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the following suggested schedule, if possible.

November 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio
December 1—East and Midwest
January 1—Indiana and Northern California
February 1—Michigan and Southeast
March 1—Allegheny and Iowa
April 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest
May 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California-Arizona
June 1—Foreign mission points with SMM's

3. All national offerings sent in by the specified date to Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to the district patroness and one to the national secretary, by July 1, keeping the third one for the local files.

5. Each girl purchase her own handbook at 5 cents each for Little Sisters; 10 cents each for Juniors, Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered according to instructions in the *Herald*. (Patroness notes to all groups available and Patroness Handbooks available for 25 cents.)

6. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)

7. At least 75 per cent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha goals.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.

2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at national conference.

3. District patroness send out statistical blanks to local groups by May 15, compile the returned reports, and send one copy to the National SMM secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for the district files.

4. District help its president or girl representative in coming to early board meetings ($15 or more, depending on the distance).

5. The district patroness contact newly organized churches or churches without SMM's, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.

6. Each district submit $3.00 toward the "Girl of the Year" scholarship each year, sending it with the statistical blank.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend:

1. That local SMM's meeting all local organization goals be recognized as honor SMM's by the district.

2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.

3. That the district having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local receive the honor placque.

4. That Mrs. Paulette Sauders be appointed National SMM devotional program chairman for 1966-1967.

5. That the 1967-1968 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the National SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1966.

6. That the Devotional Program Committee for 1968-1969 be from the Mid-Atlantic District with Mrs. Robert Collitt as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the National SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1966.

7. That Elizabeth Hostetler be appointed National SMM treasurer for 1966-1967.

8. That Linda Edmiston be appointed National SMM editor for 1966-1967.

9. That Joyce Ashman be appointed National SMM financial secretary for 1966-1967.

10. That the national board meet previous to conference 1967 and that each member receive $5.00 per working day present.

11. That an SMM Girl of the Year be selected and honored at national conference 1967.

12. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book:
1. $7.50 toward national youth conference
2. $7.50 toward material ordered from Missionary Herald Company
3. Key necklace
4. Two SMM sweatshirts—one green and one white

For seniors reading the Bible through:
1. The Amplified New Testament
2. The Amplified Old Testament
3. A Christian book
4. Key necklace

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The Philathea . . .

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Our tastes and ideas are different. Our dispositions and manner of life vary. Therefore, it is a great blessing to have separate apartments—even to the dining room, for, strange to say, even our diets are different.

However, it is a blessing to have all the apartments under one roof and on one floor. In winter, especially, it is very pleasant to visit from one apartment to the other without going outdoors. And in case of illness we are close enough to be helpful to one another.

I have enjoyed the fellowship of my companions in the residence immensely, and I thank my heavenly Father and all our WMC ladies again and again for making this home possible for us. ▼

The National WMC ladies raised the money over a period of years for the construction and furnishing of the Philathea House, located at Winona Lake, Indiana. It was completed and dedicated in 1961.

A Double-Barreled Miracle

BY REV. WILLIAM TWEEDDALE

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The Progress

About sixty Christians slipped out of their pews and walked down the aisle of the Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They were dedicating themselves to the work of beginning a branch church in Elizabethtown, a community about twenty miles away.

The mother church has grown from 17 people on Easter Sunday in 1961 to a thriving congregation with a Sunday-school attendance of 344 in 1966. During this time the church has also seen a group of people leave to begin a work in Manheim, a community about ten miles north of Lancaster.

One of the keys the Spirit of God has used to bring about this victory is the much-talked-about elective Sunday-school system of adult training; we call it the Sunday Morning Bible Institute. We have literally changed our Sunday school into a thriving Bible institute designed to train Christians to work in God's harvest fields.

The Program

The lady who is interested in advancing her sewing technique enrolls in the local high school evening adult training program. She fully realizes that this will mean study, preparation, and even the taking of examinations. Yet our Sunday schools, afraid to hurt feelings, refuse to challenge students by giving examinations. The one thing that makes our Space-conscious Young Adults unique is that they do want to be challenged. Our Sunday school not only gives examinations at the end of each quarter but also provides a college-type catalog listing all the future courses for the next three years. This is given to each adult who enrolls in our Sunday Morning Bible Institute.

The curriculum is planned four years in advance by the Board of Christian Education and is reviewed each quarter.

The Problems

Over the past years many Christian workers have asked about our program. Let's look at some of their questions.

Do you not have trouble finding enough teachers to teach all of these adult classes?

I believe that in the average evangelical, Bible-believing church there is the greatest reservoir of Bible scholarship in your community. Mr. Jones, for instance, has been absorbing the Word of God like a sponge for the past ten years. Yet he would be afraid to stand up and teach the average men's class with from 60 to 600 men. If, however, Mr. Jones were asked to share his Bible knowledge with eight to ten interested people, he most likely would respond with a ready "Yes." So we keep our classes as small functioning units. We believe in the principle "divide to multiply" as much on the adult level as on the children's level.

Twice a year we also pass out dedication cards upon which we encourage our people to indicate their dedication of their talents to the Lord.

How do you avoid having everyone go to the class taught by the most popular teacher?

We avoid this by using a total adult training program. When Bill Smith goes to college, he receives some of his training from teachers whom he enjoys more than others. This means he studies under teachers he does not like as well, because he needs the credits to graduate. Our students know that they must be exposed to a total training program.

Our students pre-enroll, listing a first, second and third choice. Our Board of Christian Education then enrolls each student in accordance with the greatest need.

What about age grouping?

We have found that the problem of age grouping may be a hindrance rather than a blessing to the local church. I am glad that I do not have to go to the young married woman and tell her the Sunday after her 30th birthday that she has to move to the old married women's class.



The group leaving the Lancaster church to begin the New Holland work.

As far as class meetings for young adults or older folks are concerned, these become a function of the church rather than the Sunday school.

Another question may arise in your mind: *Where do you find enough material for all these adult classes?*

In our denomination (Grace Brethren) we have adult quarterlies that are excellent for our book studies (books of the Bible). Evangelical publishing houses such as Gospel Light are another source of training material on the adult level. We use just as much of this type of material as is offered. Never in the history of the Christian church has good Christian literature been so easily available to the local church.

We try to balance our program with a New Testament study when our denominational quarterly calls for an Old Testament study, and vice versa. We also use the book *Great Doctrines of the Bible* by William Evans as a one-year doctrinal study. This study is repeated every year in the same rotation. We offer courses in prophecy, discipleship, the Christian home. It is not at all uncommon for a young married mother to ask what the Scriptures teach about disciplining her children, or an older Christian to ask the doctrine teacher to list a verse that teaches that the Holy Spirit is God. We use a wide selection of materials in an effort to gear our material to each Christian's personal need.

At times we see the need for a special book study, so we may use one of the Moody Colportage books or a book from Back to the Bible.

With all of these adult classes going on at the same time, do you not need more room than is afforded by the average church?

Almost every growing congregation could use additional space. It seems that we are always in a building program. However, to begin with we divided our sanctuary into five sections. The auditorium was divided into its four corners, and a class also meets in the chancel area.

Do you mind the noise of competing teachers' voices?

We minimize this problem by keeping our classes as small and as informal as possible. Sally and Jim have attended a banquet with the Smiths who live up the block. They sit together and are able to maintain their own conversation, even though there are five hundred other people in the banquet hall. The noise is not a major factor at the banquet table, and it is no great problem in a small Sunday-school class.



The ground-breaking service. Left to right are Warren Diffenderfer, Roy Davidson, William Tweeddale, George Shoenberger, Samuel Baer, and Harry Habecker. Mr. Kepiro, also a member of the building committee, is not shown in the picture.

Promotion

Promotion and graduation are important. We encourage our adults to take the exams and receive credit toward the diploma. There are some who have chosen to audit these courses, but most of our people are enrolled in the total program.

After four years of balanced training we believe we have the best-trained teachers available, either to take positions of leadership in a new branch church, or to become Sunday-school teachers. We apply literally Paul's injunction to Timothy: "The things that thou hast heard of me . . . the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others" (II Tim. 2:2).

Some of our adults have felt keenly the desire for graduate study in a Bible school or Bible college. In our Sunday school we feel that we are touching destiny. If the Lord should delay His coming, every Sunday school will have to train workers to reap the harvest.

The Possibilities

On September 4 of this year another congregation will begin in the area of New Holland, about twenty miles east of Lancaster. We will be losing about sixty of our fine people to this new work. But we are expecting the Lord Jesus to continue His blessings upon the work at Lancaster, and we are trusting Him for a double miracle. For we are also breaking ground in order to enlarge our facilities for this coming year. The new wing will enlarge the seating capacity of the Lancaster church to about five hundred, and there will be a lower auditorium larger than our present one. The new wing will also include a church office as well as an enlarged foyer. Do pray for us. We have a wonderful field in which to work, and we have some wonderful people who are anxious to do the Lord's bidding.

Why not try the Sunday morning Bible institute in your Sunday school? Why not "go modern" (while remaining good, old-fashioned fundamentalists) and change your Sunday school into a modern harvesting machine that can be used to reap a precious harvest of souls? ▼

TWO MINORS IGNITE $10,000 BLAZE TO COVER UP $1.50 ROBBERY!
INTOXICATED TEEN-AGER KILLED AS SPORTS CAR RAMS POLE!
TEEN-AGE GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE OVER DISTRAUGHT LOVE AFFAIR!

Such headlines rock our nation day after day. We read the news account, comment "What a shame! I'm glad that will never happen to me," and then go nonchalantly about our business.

What would you think if your daughter became a teen-age prostitute? What would race through your mind if you were to come home one night after work and, beholding half of your family dead on the floor, see your son lunge at you with a kitchen knife? Impossible? Homes are annihilated this way every week.

Why do such tragedies as these occur? Are we losing our children? Where is the root of this problem?

Communists are quoted as saying, "Give us your children until they are five years old, and then you can train them your way." Psychologists and educators say that the first five years of the life of a child will, with rare exception, determine the course of life he will take.

The basic need of the child is to know Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour. However, he must also be trained in the things of the Lord. He must be taught from the Bible. He must learn to depend upon and trust in God day by day. Such training does not happen overnight. Sad to say, such training does not take place in many Christian homes. Even worse is that many churches do not provide proper training for the child.

On Sunday morning the average child approaches the church with two tools: a New Testament for Sunday school, and a pencil for church. He knows that there will be plenty of church bulletins and offering envelopes in the church pews on which to doodle. We parents chuckle to ourselves as we watch them draw. The trouble is that ten years later we see them doing the same thing! No attention is paid to the worship time; no thought is given to the sermon. Why? The answer is that they have not seen the necessity for worship in past years; why begin now? This is not to say that the church services have not been good. But to the four- and five-year-old, even the seven- or eight-year-old, the service means very little. It is above his head!



The Children's Church Ministry . . .

ARE WE LOSING?

By Gary Austin

Grace Seminary

That is why I deem it a vital part of the educational program of the church to establish a children's church program. Such a ministry makes worship of God a vital facet of their living. Such a program is geared to the proper age level, so that it means something to the child.

Children's church is not a baby-sitting program. This is where many churches fall short. Children's church is not a repetition of the Sunday-school hour. And children's church is not a recreation period.

Children's church is, however, a time in which the children are encouraged to praise God. An atmosphere of reverence pervades the area of worship. The children adore God through the singing of songs of praise, through the giving of an offering, through praying, and through listening to and learning the Word of God.

Also, children's church is a time of training for public worship. The children pray aloud; they read the Scripture aloud; they sing in their own choir; they serve as the minister, usher, and hostess. As they grow older and develop spiritually, their talents are blended into the main worship service of the church. As a result, they experience the practical values of worshiping God in teen-age years.

To organize a children's church is relatively easy, but to follow through with the weekly program is not so easy. It takes work. There must be preparation; there must be dedication. Young lives are at stake; they must be handled with prayer.

These words may sound idealistic, but they are very practical. Our churches are losing young people by the scores because the church means very little to them. Unless your children see the practical value of worshiping God, you may lose them—at home and in the church. But under prepared personnel and proper leadership, a children's church ministry in the educational program of your church can save them before it is too late. ▼



What Is Our Task?

BY DAVID L. DOTY

Grace Seminary

What is our task as ministers of the Word of God? Is it to be engaged in civil rights demonstrations, kissing babies and patting parents on the back, walking around with a pious look and folded hands, or does our task reach beyond these things which have become a part of some ministers' activities? The Word of God gives definite teaching along this line, and this includes some illustrations. Let us look at one of these illustrations and find some specific instruction regarding the task of the minister of the Word of God. It is found in Acts 3:1-10.

There are three phases in the story which we want to consider: the occasion, the event, and the result.

The occasion for the healing of the lame man was the coming of Peter and John to the temple to pray. At the entrance to the temple they encountered a lame man who had been carried there in order to beg alms of those passing on their way to prayer. He was accustomed to this way of living and probably had no hope of doing anything else for the remainder of his life. On this particular day Peter and John approached him, and his usual asking of alms attracted their attention. They did not pass by but turned to him and replied to his request, an act which was to transform his life.

The event that changed the lame man's life is seen in verses 4 to 6, where Peter, fastening his eyes on the expectant man, says, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter and John did not have money to give this man; and even if they had, they would not have been able to help further than to put some food in his mouth with such a gift. What he needed was for God to touch his life. Peter realized that Jesus Christ was the answer to this man's problem. He therefore fastened his eyes on the man and in the power of Jesus Christ met the need.

The result, described in verses 7 to 10, was a remaking of bones and muscles. The man's feet and ankle bones received strength, and he was able to walk as he had never been able to do before in his life. His need had been met in and through the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

The minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ has a specific task: to present Jesus Christ to men and women who from birth have been spiritually deformed. In His power men are transformed into new creatures. He is the answer to their need —not money, sympathy, or smiles. He is the answer, and He is the message. Your task and mine is to take the message as the answer to men's needs. Let us be doing our work!▼

CHURCH NEWS

WINONA LAKE, IND. At the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches held here Aug. 15-21, 1966, the following officers were elected: moderator, Dr. Glenn O'Neal; vice moderator, Mark Malles; secretary, Clyde Landrum; assistant secretary, Phillip Simmons; treasurer, Frank Poland; and statistician, Earle Cole. Rev. Wesley Haller was elected chairman of the national Executive Committee, and Alva Steffler was elected secretary.

The 1967 conference will be held in the Winona Lake Assembly Auditorium, Winona Lake, Ind., during Aug. 14 through 20.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The Leo Polmans held a stewardship conference at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church July 17-20. Other guest speakers in July were J. L. Gingrich, a retired minister who is a member of our church in Rittman, Ohio, and W. Russell Ogden, president of Akron Bible Institute and a member of the First Brethren Church in Washington, D.C. On Aug. 31, four Korean orphan children, a native Korean evangelist, and Mr. James Johnson, field representative of "Compassion," presented a program of music and missionary challenge. Jesse Deloe, Jr., has been recalled as pastor for a third year.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Merlin Berkey, who served as assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church this summer, has returned with his wife, June, to Grace Seminary, where he will work on his master's degree. He is now serving as pastor of a country church in the Winona Lake area. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. One Sunday evening in July Dave Sundstrom, representative of Campus Crusade, showed the film "Bal Week" at the Community Grace Brethren Church. The film is an account of what happens when thousands of students congregate at Balboa Beach during Easter vacation and shows the efforts of Christian college students to take the gospel to these young people. Gene Klingler, pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. Rev. Robert Thompson, the new western director of Brethren Home Missions, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church Aug. 7. Everett Caes is pastor.

COVINGTON, VA. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church has authorized the trustees to proceed with the purchase of a new church bus. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

AFRICA. Two Grace College students are planning to accompany Scott Weaver on his evangelistic tour of the Central African Republic, serving as musical missionaries—Dale McDaniels, of Sunnyside, Wash., and Ed Lewis, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Tom and Gracia McDairmant, missionaries under appointment to the Central African Republic, spoke in the evening service of the First Brethren Church on July 31. Elias White is pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. "The Family that Changed the World" was a film shown at the First Brethren Church on Sunday, Aug. 21. Charles Turner, pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button and their daughter were at the First Brethren Church Aug. 7 to present their work among the Jewish people of Los Angeles. True Hunt, pastor.

STERLING, OHIO. Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were held at the First Brethren Church in July, with an enrollment of 119. Average attendance was 89, and the offerings totaled over $150. Thirteen public decisions were made during the two weeks. Robert Combs is pastor.

SEAL BEACH, CALIF. A missionary presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Tom McDairmant was featured in the Sunday evening service of the Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 7. E. John Gillis, pastor.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT. Camp Clear Lake was the scene of the district youth camps. The senior-high week witnessed a number of decisions, including about 12 confessions of salvation. Several expressed their call to full-time missionary work.

WOOSTER, OHIO. A noted archaeologist, Dr. Joseph Free, presented an informative color film at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 7, showing excavations in Jordan, Turkey, and Egypt. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.



DEFIANCE, OHIO. The dedication of the Grace Brethren Church was held Saturday evening and Sunday, Aug. 27-28. Richard W. DeHaan was the speaker; he is the teacher of the Radio Bible Class, a broadcast heard every Sunday on approximately 600 leading stations throughout the world. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

In the recent Vacation Bible School the average attendance was 73. The youth group spent a week recently at the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Bonnie Sisco, a Child Evangelism worker from the church, rented a booth at the Henry County Fair during August to present a witness to children. The church is collecting new and used Christian literature to send to mission fields. Allen Herr, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. The Brethren Christian Schools, set up by the Bethel Brethren Church, have received a cash gift of over $4,000. They are buying a 20-acre plot on which to build a new school. Ralph Hayes is principal. Scott Weaver, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. The academic dean of Miami Bible College, Rev. Hugh I. Mainord, ministered at the Grace Brethren Church while Pastor and Mrs. Gene Witzky were in Indiana for national conference. Both Rev. and Mrs. Mainord are accomplished musicians.

DAYTON, OHIO. Don and Betty Hocking and their four boys were at the North Riverdale Brethren Church Aug. 7; Rev. Hocking spoke in the morning service, and the family were guests of the church for Sunday dinner. Richard Burch, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. A youth film entitled "Teenage Rock" was presented at the Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, Aug. 14; the story centers around the experiences of a high-school basketball star. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

NOTICE: Churches considering new hymnals are invited to write to the Missionary Herald for sample copies and information. Two hymnals that have been very popular with our Brethren churches across the nation are *Inspiring Hymns,* published by Singspiration; and *Worship and Service Hymnal,* published by Hope Publishing Co. They are priced at $1.80 and $1.85 each, respectively, in quantities. Extended terms are offered to Sunday school classes or other groups who may wish to give them as a gift to the church. Various colors are available, and the church name can be imprinted on the front of the hymnal at a slight additional cost. (For piano and organ, loose-leaf copies are available.) Write to Charles Koontz, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, for complete information.

HOPEWELL, PA. The Grace College Harmonaires presented a program of music and testimony at the Grace Brethren Church on Wednesday evening, July 13. The following evening Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button presented their work as missionaries to the Jews. On July 20 a quartet composed of young people from our Vicksburg and Leamersville, Pa., churches presented special music. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Ted Dencher, a former member of the Jehovah's Witness cult, was at the Grace Brethren Church for all services on Sunday, Aug. 14; time was included for a question and answer session. Two guest ministers participated in the services on Aug. 7: Dr. Bernard Schneider, from Fort Myers, Fla., and Rev. Carl Key, Mansfield, Ohio. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

MARTINSBURG, PA. The Bob Jones University Ensemble presented a program of sacred music at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 25. John Terrell is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A former assistant pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, John Schumacher, was at the church on July 31 to sing and give words of greeting. He will be serving The Brethren Church as chaplain in Viet Nam. On that same Sunday Don Hocking, missionary to the Central African Republic, spoke during the Sunday-school hour and in the evening service. Nathan Casement, pastor.

OMAHA, NEBR. The P. Fred Fogle family, on an extended furlough from mission service in France, will be directing the missions department of the Grace Bible Institute in this city. Anyone knowing of Brethren people living in this area is asked to write to the Fogles at 5839 Sprague St., Omaha, Nebr. 68104.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason, 724 Anderson Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46805. Rev. and Mrs. R. E. A. Miller, 5917 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011 (Tel. 202-726-4909). Rev. and Mrs. John R. Dilling, 5800 Daisy St., Louisville, Ohio 44641. Rev. and Mrs. Robert G. Clinton, 105 W. 15th Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa. 16601. Rev. and Mrs. Richard D. McCarthy, R.R. 1, New Holland, Pa. 17557.

ALTOONA, PA. Robert A. Russell, a 1966 graduate of Grace Seminary, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. Pastor and Mrs. Russell, along with their daughter Michelle, arrived on the field June 19 at which time the church surprised them with a very generous food shower.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BUCHER, Fred B., 70, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa., from the very beginning of the testimony of this church, went to be with his Lord July 24. Most of the servants of God from the Winona Lake, Ind., area have been welcome guests at the Bucher home. The funeral service was held at the church.

Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

BARNES, Norma, a member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, passed away July 27.

Jim Custer, pastor.

AKESON, Ida, a member of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., died in August.

George Peek, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Hollins, Va.	Sept. 4-11	William Byers	Ron Thompson
Lake Odessa, Mich.	Sept. 18-25	Simon Toroian	Ron Thompson
Leesburg, Ind.	Sept. 29-Oct. 9	Kenneth Koontz	Ron Thompson
Dayton, Ohio	Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Forrest Jackson	Bill Smith
Troy, Ohio	Oct. 2-9	John Neely	Richard Grant
Hagerstown, Md.	Oct. 11-16	Robert Collitt	Floyd Ankerberg
Flora, Ind.	Nov. 6-13	Lee Dice	Bill Smith



At right: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Killian and the organ they gave to the church.

"You Can't Outgive the Lord . . ."

PARTNERS WITH GOD

By Mrs. Leslie Killian
Westminster Brethren Church
Westminster, California

While shopping with my daughter Joyce just a few weeks ago I took time to observe the organs on display. Aware of the need of an organ in our church, I confessed to Joyce my secret desire to purchase one for our congregation. I was not sure, however, if my husband shared my feeling.

At a church luncheon the following day our pastor informed Joyce, who was chairman of the music committee, that he had discovered a lovely Hammond concert organ that was being sold at a considerable discount. He suggested that maybe it was the Lord's time to work on such a project. In relating this informa tion to me Joyce remarked that because of a deficit in the general fund at this time it would be very difficult to persuade the church to act on the matter.

Throughout the night I kept mulling the subject over in my mind until I knew that I must do something about it. But how was I to tell my husband of my decision? Maybe if I had time I could persuade him, but there was no time. My husband is a very kind and generous man, but I had never asked him for such an amount before. In desperation I prayed: "Lord if you want us to do this together, then show me what to do."

Following breakfast the next morning I mentioned the matter to him, and he replied by suggesting that we give $500. I was disappointed, but I felt he knew best. I was sure that the matter was closed. But the next day when I stopped by my husband's office, he remarked that he had had lunch with our daughter and that much of their conversation had centered around the organ. When he informed me that he had called the pastor and had offered $1000, I knew that the Lord was speaking to us both.

I then confided to my husband my own conviction that we should make a gift of the total amount. We shared the thought that unless we made some sacrifice it wouldn't mean nearly so much. After some careful deliberation we decided together that we would do this thing for the Lord.

We had heard our pastor say that you can't outgive the Lord, and we soon discovered the truth of his remarks. Through this experience we have learned the blessing of giving and have a new understanding of the word "faith." Along with the others in our church who prayed for this addition to our musical program we simply thank the Lord for His wonderful goodness to us and the privilege of being partners with Him. ▼

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Anabel Johns and Kenneth Huber, June 17, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Carolyn Peters and Richard Guittar, June 26, First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio.

Jana Hendricks and David Wynn, July 16, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Elaine Benson and Charles Hagan, July 19, Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Ellen Faye Spillers and Glen Dale Teeter, July 24, Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Mary Hergenrother and Paul Baxter, July 25, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Janice Beverly Deter and Thomas Otto Maurer, July 29, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Delores Lansing and Ronald Muir, July 29, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Kathleen E. Cantwell and Bruce F. Smout, July 30, Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Nelline Fulkerson and Donald L. Ketchum, Jr., Aug. 5, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Donna Mae Grady and Thomas R. Miller, Aug. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Hazel Julia Gregory and Vahe Geukgeuzian, Aug. 5, Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Gayle Hedges and Bill Spears, Aug. 5, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Marjorie Lingle and Jon Shriver, Aug. 6, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Nancy Nye and Ned Weirich, Aug. 6, Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Bonnie Joanne Reeves and Terrance D. Shultzman, Aug. 6, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.



The Word That Works

By Larry Pote, Grace Seminary

"Lilly-livered canaries" — that's what we are! Cowards!

One of the most deplorable failures among Christians is the failure to witness for Jesus Christ. Perhaps you inwardly desire to witness for our Lord, but the problem is that you are a bit timid and uncertain. I want to share with you a truth from Colossians that could completely transform your desire and ability to witness.

While Colossians 1:3-8 is basically Paul's thanksgiving to God concerning the Colossian Christians, the passage also suggests several eye-opening truths concerning *the messenger* and *the message* that came to the Colossians.

The name of the messenger of God who founded the church at Colosse is mentioned in verse 7—Epaphras. As far as we're concerned, his name might just as well have been Sasaphras. At this point you can proudly say that you know as much as most Bible scholars about Epaphras, since almost nothing is recorded about who this man was. He was apparently rather insignificant, but God used him to found this church. Why?

I believe the answer is partially found in his relationship to the Lord Jesus. In verse 7 Paul speaks of Epaphras as a fellow bondservant. In other words, his will and actions were dominated by Christ. Self-centeredness and pride had been laid aside in his desire to serve the Master. Here was a man who could be controlled by the Spirit. Furthermore, he was a faithful, dependable minister of Christ, loyal in doing the bidding of the Lord.

So the first clue to being a successful witness and servant of Christ is found in the insignificant but loyal life of the messenger, Epaphras. The second clue is to be found in a realization of the power of the message.

The message is mentioned in verse 5 very simply as "the gospel." According to I Corinthians 15 the gospel is the message that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day. Of course, the New Testament develops the ramifications of this central truth, but this basic message has the power to transform lives. "It is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18). Colossians 1:6 explains that the gospel was continually bearing fruit, not only at Colosse, but also in all the rest of the world. Though for some reason the King James Version has ommitted it, a Greek New Testament would indicate that the gospel not only bore fruit, but also was increasing. New converts were being won by its transforming message. The gospel has inherent energy to bear fruit and expand. It is like a tree that each year bears fruit and also expands the size of its trunk and branches.

What kind of fruit did the gospel bear in the Colossians? Verse 4 indicates that the gospel was responsible for their faith in Jesus Christ: that is, their day-by-day living in the sphere of Christ. Due to the fact that they were living by faith in Christ, controlled by the Spirit, the gospel was also bearing the fruit of love on their part toward all the saints. Epaphras had brought the seed of the gospel and had sowed it among the Colossians. Now, that seed was blossoming forth and producing lavish fruit.

I began by noting that some of us are a bit timid and uncertain when it comes to witnessing. We think we need a convincing personality and an eloquent vocabulary before we can attempt to lead men to Christ. But this passage de-emphasizes the messenger, except to mention his faithfulness. Furthermore, it is obvious that the power of any testimony for Christ is to be found in the inherent energy of the gospel to produce fruit and to expand. In Acts 1:8 Jesus simply told his disciples to be witnesses, to carry the gospel to others. Really, this doesn't take great ability; God has even given us a Book that we can quote from. But it does take availability and faithfulness. When you witness for Christ, depend not on yourself, but realize that you have the Word that works! ▼

PROPHETIC LIGHT FOR TODAY . . .

The Four Great Powers of the End Time

Not long ago it was reported from the Copley News Service: "Communist China is on the verge of developing a strike force of long-range nuclear missiles, atomic scientist Edward Teller predicts. Teller, known as the 'Father of the H-Bomb,' made his views known in a letter to the chairman of the House sub-committee on the Far East and Pacific; Zablocki made the letter public Friday. The scientist warned the *United States will be more vulnerable* to atomic attack than Russia, once Red China has an atomic delivery capability. 'The Chinese could not threaten the Soviet Union,' Teller said. He explained, '*Russia, unlike* the United States, *is protected by an anti-missile defense* which would be feasible against a relatively unsophisticated missile force.' He continued, 'It is particularly disturbing to see a threat develop against which the Russians are immune, but the United States is not. . . .'"

Many will remember that after World War II Dr. Einstein, speaking from his own human wisdom, stated that a world government should be established "founded by the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain, the only three powers with great military strength."

If Dr. Einstein had read the Books of Daniel and Revelation carefully, he would have discovered that God has a blueprint for the ages. As the time draws near for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Scriptures reveal there will be four great powers on the earth: the king of the north (Ezek. 38), the king of the south (Dan. 11), the kings of the east (Rev. 16) and the willful king (Dan. 11) who will become the world ruler.

Since the "kings of the east" must include Chinese territory, Dr. Einstein should have included this vast area in his prognostications. The fact that China has come forth with such tremendous war potential in the last few years is no surprise to prophetic students. This is in perfect harmony with God's revelation. One of the great powers of the end time must be the "kings of the east."

As we in our day see wars and rumors of war and the steady movement toward world government, we need to be aware that perhaps in the near future all these four divisions mentined in the Scriptures may be brought under one great head. How Russia and China will be subdued by the world dictator we may not see at the moment, but this is all in God's overall plan of the ages.

If not before, it will be accomplished in the day of the Great Tribulation. God's Word says that day will be a time "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21).



BY DR. CHARLES W. MAYES

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Within the short period of the Great Tribulation the Satan-deceived nations of the earth will one by one be subdued under the one world ruler to come. He will exercise complete economic and political control over every nation on the face of the earth (Rev. 13:7). It seems that God will allow Satan to cause nations to do what they have not done in the past, for Revelation 17:13 states of the nations of the earth, "These have one mind, and shall *give* their power and strength unto the beast." The beast, we will remember, is the coming world political head.

Christians need to remember a few timely facts:

We cannot stop the coming world government. Since we know it is certain and since we know it is satanic, we must rest the more in the blessed hope, the deliverance which comes not from any type of social security, but from the second coming of our Lord and Saviour.

We cannot stop the coming world church. It will swallow up every religion on the face of the earth after the true church has been removed in the Rapture. The blessed hope of the coming of our Lord to receive His church has not been prominent in the thinking of some Christians, but if things continue as they are, vast numbers of Christians may be down on their knees begging for the Lord to come to deliver us from the awful events revealed to us in God's prophetic Word.

We dare not forget that today God has the same program for the church which He has had since the Day of Pentecost. It is our responsibility to evangelize the world with every ounce of spiritual energy which we possess. Now is the day for us as Christians to quit wasting our money and time on unnecessary pleasantries. A few dollars on the average will pay to win a soul to Christ. May the Holy Spirit convict many who have professed the name of Christ of squandering time and money on trivial entertainment and possessions.

We must work while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. ▼

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Building to Reach More People



BY LESTER E. PIFER

Four Phases of Divine Commitment

The world-wide implications that mark our home-mission responsibility are tremendous. These are revealed in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:18-19).

A sovereign God has ordained that men, who have been made recipients of His divine grace of salvation, shall have the solemn responsibility of reaching a world of lost souls. Thus, God's children have, by divine means, become the sole heirs to the awesome task involved in the ministry of reconciliation.

The word of reconciliation coupled with the designated ambassadorship for Christ provide the child of God with a soul-stirring, heart-searching commitment. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . . and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Anything short of world-wide vision for the lost, total dedication of self and talent, and readiness of acceptance of this divine responsibility would leave one empty-handed and embarrassed at the judgment seat of Christ.

Christ Commitment

We believe that our Lord, the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature, the creator of all things, has been given sovereign authority over the church. "And he is the head of the body, the church . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Col. 1:18-19).

Home-mission churches must be established in Christ, upon Christ and through Christ. He must be the head of the church. Its message, its program, its intent and purpose are to be centered in Him. Our goal must be to please Him in every facet of our lives. Our Lord, having made peace through the blood of His cross, the One in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, having delivered us from the power of darkness, unquestionably is deserving of our adoration and exaltation.

Bible Teaching and Preaching

The word of reconciliation implicates every doctrine and facet of truth in the Scripture. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes (Rom. 1:16). Old Testament prophets spoke God's Word with great fear and respect. The apostles of New Testament times were teachers and preachers of God's Word in power to the salvation of many souls. The apostle Paul earnestly instructed the church to study and cherish the Word of God. He bade his disciple Timothy to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). So sincerely did this grip the heart of Paul that personal commitment to the gospel was genuinely expressed. "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

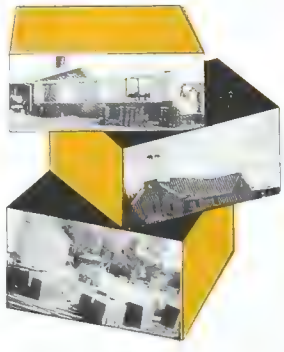
The Bible-teaching and -preaching church is a fulfillment of God's purpose on earth. This church, a depository for the truth, is used to instruct, to stimulate, to cause the hearts of the children of God to rejoice. The Bible-teaching church has a solid ministry in these days of uncertainty.

Soul-winning

Our Lord came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He demonstrated His compassion for the lost on many occasions during His earthly ministry. His heart and soul were revealed in the fulfillment of the Father's will on the cross.

The example of our Lord coupled with His Lordship in the believer's life paralleled with the purpose of God in Christ in the ministry of reconciliation present a clear picture of our responsibility. God has clearly shown that He wants saved men to reach the lost. Into the fabric

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COVER PHOTOS

The three building projects shown are the Hagerstown, Maryland, Gay Street Brethren Church addition; the new building under construction at Columbus, Ohio; and the new unit being added to the Kokomo, Indiana, Grace Brethren Church.

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Building To Reach More People



Hagerstown, Maryland

In Brethren Home Missions the process of building is a continuing one, and we like it because to us it is an indication of growth. It is always good news when a home-mission pastor writes, "We must add to our building, for we are running out of space." We have received just such letters from the pastors at Kokomo, Indiana; Hagerstown, Maryland; and Davenport, Iowa. We are continually receiving the same report from new groups meeting in homes, public social halls, grange halls, Y.M.C.A.'s, and vacant store buildings.

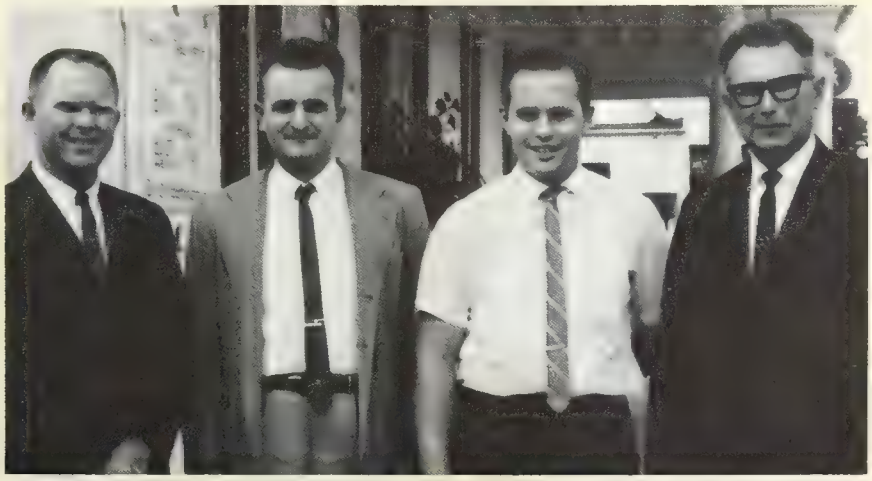
Rev. Herman Hein, Jr., of Kokomo, Indiana, writes, "We have 158 children pre-enrolled in our Christian day school. This year our school will be the largest yet with almost twice the number of students." The only answer to this need is to build, and a building is under construction. This is not the only area in which there is a need. The Sunday school in August was running 37 per cent ahead of August, 1965. This pastor carried home from the national Sunday-school convention a number of trophies won within the last year. New families are moving into the Indian Heights area at the rate of 15 to 25 per month.

From Hagerstown, Maryland, this word came: "The work here has grown so much that many times the back part of the auditorium is crowded out with Sunday-school children, and we have junior church in the addition. Considering these conditions we felt the Lord leading in the building of a new wing to our present building." This church with a sizable debt wondered if they should start another building program. The decision was made to build and trust the Lord, and today over $3,700 has been given toward payment of materials. A contractor and member of the church, John Cook, is giving his talents in supervision, and other members have rallied to help with labor. At this writing the roof was almost ready to go on, not one cent had been spent for labor, the materials were paid for, and there was no increase in the debt.

The church in Columbus, Ohio, is building a first unit with occupancy expected late this month or early in October. This group of Brethren are now meeting in a Seventh Day Adventist church and have never had a building of their own. This church with 93 members is ahead of its goal of 100 by January 1, 1967. Every Easter this church sets a goal of 100 more than the previous year. The first year the 100 goal was exceeded by 33, last year the 200 goal was exceeded by 25 and next year they are praying for 300. With continued growth of this kind, the new building will be adequate for only a short time. We will be getting that letter from Pastor David Hocking saying, "I must have more space—when can we build an addition?" This Sunday school was another of the winners in the national Sunday-school contest, and the church attendance exceeds the Sunday school!

The Brethren Construction Crew was organized to help meet the need in Brethren Home Missions for new buildings and additions. This crew is now scheduled one year in advance. Just this last month another family, the William Shakletons from the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was added to the crew to help speed up the building projects. It is still necessary for many of the churches to have local contractors do their work.

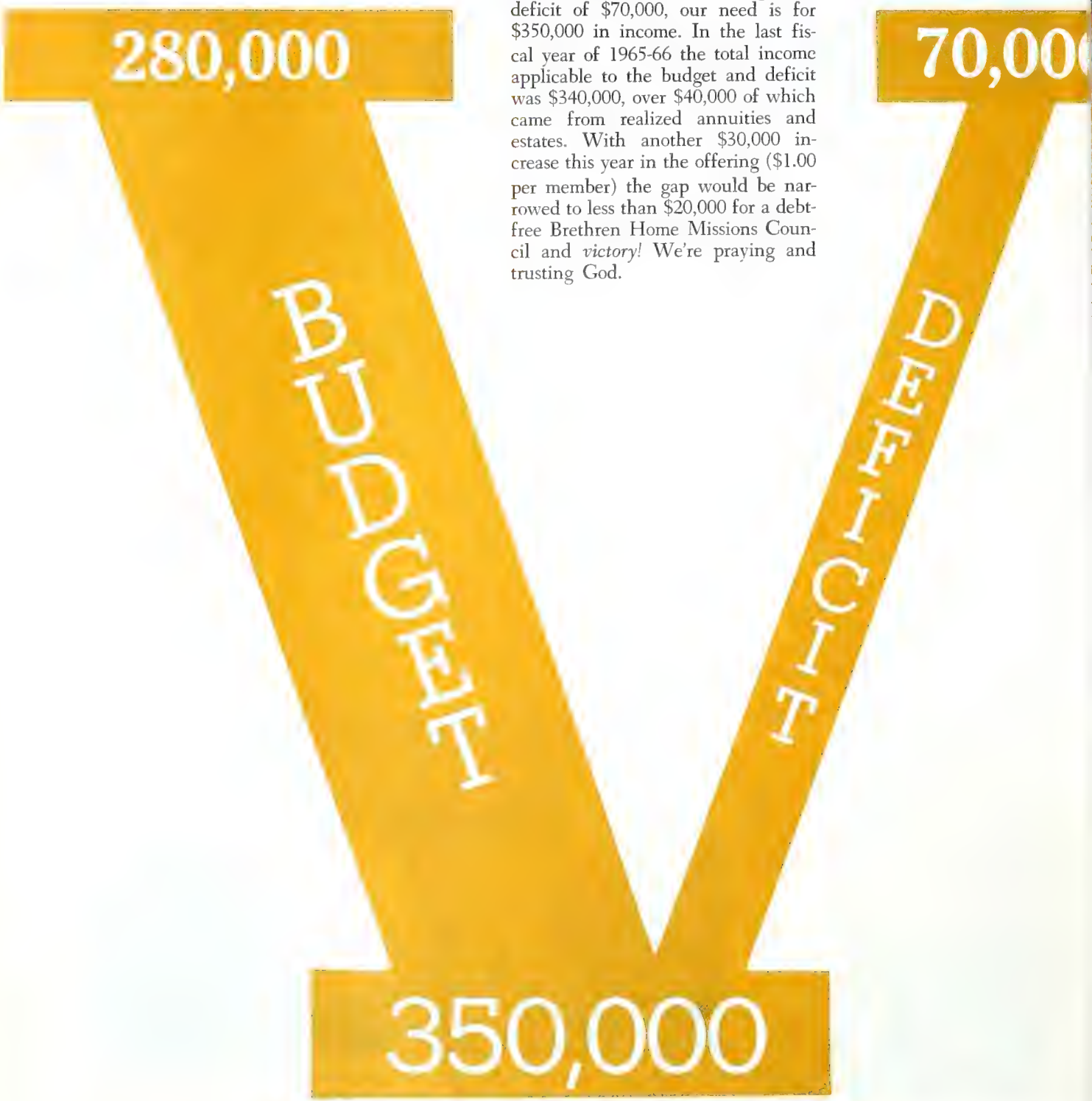
Through our home missions promotional materials you are becoming aware of the fact that Brethren Home Missions is in the "people business." To be in the people business we must of necessity be in the building business. The greater the job our churches do in the people business, the greater the job will be to provide adequate building facilities—to reach *more* people. ▼



Left to right: Members of the Brethren Construction Crew—Robert Baer, Herbert Christopher, William Shakleton, and Don Sellers, superintendent.

VICTORY IS IN VIEW

As we look to God and you, victory is in view. The 1967 budget adopted for Brethren Home Missions was $280,000, and with the present deficit of $70,000, our need is for $350,000 in income. In the last fiscal year of 1965-66 the total income applicable to the budget and deficit was $340,000, over $40,000 of which came from realized annuities and estates. With another $30,000 increase this year in the offering ($1.00 per member) the gap would be narrowed to less than $20,000 for a debt-free Brethren Home Missions Council and *victory!* We're praying and trusting God.



Who's Missing?



You're right; it's the teacher! You may have the finest facilities, but without a teacher you cannot have a school.

Here at the Navajo mission we have the very best facilities, dormitories, dining room, and classrooms. In addition, the enrollment this year is larger than ever. As the school year begins, however, we are short three teachers on our staff. Because of this it will be necessary for the other members of the staff to curtail the work in their specialized areas to fill the vacancies in the classroom.

Our superintendent, Mr. Larry Wedertz, with an already heavily loaded schedule, must add the responsibility of teaching. The important and vital work of visitation of our missionary Miss Angie Garber will have to be radically reduced to permit her to teach in the school. Furthermore, our medical program must be greatly restricted in order that Miss Lois Wilson, the mission nurse, may assume additional duties in the classroom.

Can it be that the missing person in the above situation is even now reading about this need? It is not too late for that qualified teacher to apply for one of these positions. Application may be submitted directly to the superintendent, Larry Wedertz, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico or to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ▼

Days of Decisions

The Board of Directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council met for two weeks, spacing over eighty items of business along with the reports from 46 mission points. This board, made up of seven pastors and seven laymen, gives its time and counsel without any remuneration as a service for Christ. Though the day's work often ran into the night hours, the men rejoiced in the progress, the reports of victory and the joy of personal interviews with the missionaries.

An increasing portion of their time is being devoted to the work of the Brethren Investment Foundation. New fields at New Holland, Pennsylvania; Richmond, Virginia; Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, California; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Woodbridge, Virginia were approved. Approval was given to seek personnel for these fields as they develop and funds become available. It is gratifying to see the district mission boards of the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Allegheny, and East Districts carrying a large share of the support for their new fields.

The board gratefully acknowledged thanksgiving and praise to the entire brotherhood for their $30,000 increase in the home-mission offering last year. Significantly, the increased offering, realized annuities, and estates made possible a substantial reduction in the deficit. Prayerfully, plans were laid in faith that we might see another financial victory this year, ending with a complete erasure of the debt and with budget needs being met.

Financial reports and a summary of the year's activities are to be mailed in September to all of the corporation members. ▼



Clockwise: Rev. Gene Witzky, Mr. Harold Bolesky, Dr. L. L. Grubb, Dr. J. H. Mohler, Mr. Chester McCall, treasurer, Rev. John Mayes, Mrs. Oren Taylor, Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary, Rev. John M. Aeby, president, Rev. Richard DeArmey, vice-president, Mr. Edison Yoder, Rev. Robert Thompson, western field director, Mr. Harry Shipley, Rev. Gordon Bracker, Rev. Kenneth Teague, and Rev. Paul Dick. Directors not shown: Mr. George Wilhelm and Mr. Vernon Schrock.

Fremont Chapel News

The Brethren Chapel at Fremont, Ohio, continues its outreach to the Negro people of that area. Attendances are averaging in the fifties. Rev. Granville Tucker, pastor, reports souls having been saved and the membership growing. The number of colored people in the Fremont area is also growing.

Since the Leo Polman meetings at the Fremont Grace Brethren Church, in which the Brethren Chapel cooperated, offerings are increasing. More of the people are showing an interest in regular giving to the Lord's work. Regular payments are being made on the building, and mission offerings are being sent to all of our agencies.

Rev. and Mrs. Tucker are shown below with two of their daughters. Mrs. Robert (Connie) Dungee, at the left, whose husband is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, has now moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, where Brother Dungee is enrolled in Grace Seminary. Mrs. Abe (Faye) Saba is now home from the Nigeria mission field, where she and her husband have been serving.—*L.E.P.* ▼









Home Mission Field Reports



Above: the paving project at Taos, New Mexico, completed. At right: the church entrance with canopy.

TAOS, N. MEX. (William Stevens, pastor). The paving at the mission has been completed, but we did not get it finished for the benefit of our district conference delegation. The steps to the church now have a complete covering, thanks to the men of the church.

BEAVERTON, OREG. (Luke Kauffman, pastor). We are praising the Lord for an enrollment of 83 in our recent Vacation Bible School. Out of this enrollment, 19 made public decisions for Christ and one made a public rededication of life.

LEXINGTON, OHIO (Terrance Taylor, pastor). Last Sunday (August 21) and the first Sunday after being accepted into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the attendance was 101 in the worship service and 95 in Sunday school. This was the first time for exceeding the 100 mark. Rev. Gene Witzky, Pompano Beach, Florida, was the special speaker.

Home Mission . . .

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of a home-mission church must be woven a ministry of soul winning.

Missionary-mindedness

The finality with which our Lord gave His solemn command in the Great Commission cannot be minimized. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The promise of the abiding presence of the Lord cannot be ignored: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). The plan set forth by Christ must be carefully and prayerfully heeded. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Brethren Home Missions personnel feel keenly this inclusive Biblical responsibility. We are in the ministry of reconciliation. The four hemispheric ellipses (pictured on page 2) behind our ministry in the United States spell out the world-wide vision of our churches and missionaries. We teach missions, give to missions, pray for missions and earnestly desire to see missionary recruits raised from our ranks, who will carry the gospel around the world. The four ellipses also spell out our fourfold purpose: Christ commitment, Bible teaching, soul winning, and missionary-mindedness.

Your gifts coming weekly during this year will be an investment and encouragement in the fulfillment of our home-mission evangelism. ▼

Grace Brethren at Defiance Dedicate Edifice



Above, left to right: Ray Felton and Clair Hess, musicians; Richard DeHaan, speaker; Pastor Allen Herr; and Brethren Home Missions Secretary Lester E. Pifer. Below: dedication congregation.

The words of the song "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done" speak clearly the spirit of the Brethren people at Defiance, Ohio. The new building of 100 by 48 feet stands upon four acres of level property next to a proposed school site and in the midst of a large area of new homes. The property purchase price was $4,000. The total cost of the building, constructed by Mr. Harry Sisco, a member of the congregation, with much help from the congregation, was $53,000, including property, improvements and equipment.

The building, located on Route 66, one-half mile south of Defiance, is a modern brick educational first unit. Its beautiful auditorium will seat approximately 175, and there are 16 classroom areas for the growing Sunday school.

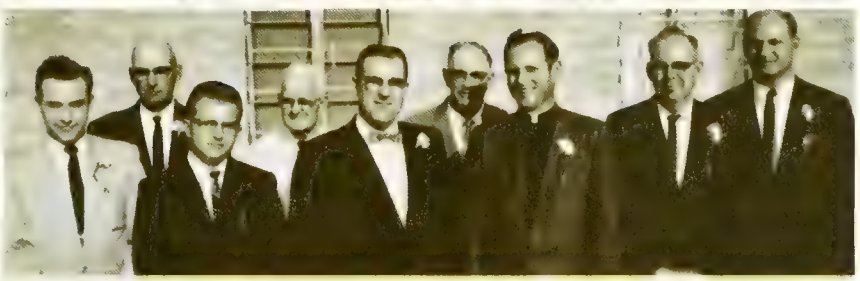
The dedication services began with a weekend Bible conference with Rev. Richard W. DeHaan, teacher of the Radio Bible Class, as speaker. The Bible class, now in its 28th year, is aired over 600 radio stations throughout the world. Rev. DeHaan set forth clearly the believer's responsibility in the light of present-day challenges.

Rev. Ray Felton and Rev. A. Clair Hess, members of the staff of the Radio Bible Class, brought special music at all of the services. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kemmerer, regular attendants at the church, were in charge of the music, assisting at the organ and piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Callender, Child Evangelism directors from Clyde, Ohio, were in charge of the children. A Child Evangelism tent was set up at the south end of the building for their meetings.

A total of 248 people participated in the dedication, and an offering of over $650 was received to be applied to the church debt.





Above, left to right: Building Committee members—Norman Bowers, Albert Sisco, Dennis Stoller, Obert Noffsinger, LeRoy Knipp, Charles Kintner, Allen Herr, Bud Van Pelt, and Harry Sisco. Below: new church edifice, with tent at the rear for children's meetings.



This congregation held its first meeting in June of 1965. At the initial prayer meeting they started with 30. There were 70 in the first Sunday meetings. Now they are running consistently at the one-hundred figure with records up to 160. Souls are being saved. There is a strong trust in God, and the unity of the Spirit prevails. This congregation with its Bible-teaching, soul-winning emphasis and its warm enthusiasm will continue to make a spiritual impact upon the community for Christ. ▼



THE CONFIRMATION

How do some Jewish people feel about their religion?
How can we understand them better?

BY DIANE BUTTON

My parents are missionaries to the Jewish people in a large city in the United States. My best friend is Jewish. We practically grew up together. Esther's mother died when she was five. I used to tell her a lot about the Lord Jesus and how He died for her. She took a New Testament home and was allowed to keep it until her father married again. Then his wife sent it back.

Esther's new mother was very nice to her. At first she was unhappy about not being allowed to have a Christmas tree, since she had always had one before. Then she began celebrating Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, which falls about the time of our Christmas. It is a very interesting holiday, because Jewish children receive gifts for eight days. It is customary to give gifts of money for Hanukkah, but other kinds are given, also. Lately, Jewish people have taken to decorating their homes and using electric menorahs (lamps) in their windows.

Still, Hanukkah never seems to take the place of Christmas. Many Jewish children continue to have a Christmas tree, though they are apt to call it a "Hanukkah bush."

When Esther was in the sixth grade, she began to go to Hebrew school. She had all school vacations off from religious school, too. She used to say, "Well, Hebrew school is over for the summer and I won't have to go back to the synagogue until fall."

Her religion was a sort of sporadic thing, and her heart was not in it. We often talked about God, heaven, and a few other things. She listened to me at first. As we grew older, she began to talk about evolution as a substitute for God.

When Esther was "confirmed," I was invited, naturally, as this is quite a big event. She received many lovely gifts and was allowed to have her hair done for the confirmation service. I went with her family.

Esther was confirmed in the Jewish temple. Everything about this temple suggests material possessions and extreme structural beauty.

We arrived early and managed to find a seat near the front of the auditorium. Many of my friends were in the confirmation class, so I felt right at home. The school I attend is very large and is composed of about 95 per cent Jewish students. In fact, I think I am the only Gentile in my high school who ever won an award in Hebrew. That isn't as exciting as it sounds, because I am probably the only Gentile in that school who ever took Hebrew in the first place!

I sat quietly beside Esther's parents and looked at the people around me. They didn't seem happy. No one smiled at me, as we do in our church when a stranger visits.

"Have you been confirmed?" the lady next to me asked.

I shook my head.

"Haven't you ever attended Hebrew school?"

I smiled at her. "No. You see, I'm a Christian."

"Oh." She didn't look at me again.

When the young people came into the auditorium, they looked very nice. My heart turned over because I knew they were lost—not because they were Jewish, but because they didn't know Jesus died for their sins. There was an emptiness in this great building—just as there was an emptiness in their hearts.

The rabbi was a handsome man. He spoke about the use of God's name in vain. I wondered why he couldn't understand the truths in the Old Testament about the Messiah.

The second rabbi sat on the platform and slept. I wanted to cry for all those boys and girls who should have known about Jesus, their Messiah, but who had spent all these years going to religious school without hearing once how He loved them enough to die for them. He was of their own flesh, and yet they were indifferent to Him—though He had loved them always.

There were no Bibles, and there were no hymns filled with hope and joy. There were only the awful, mournful, minor songs expressing something they themselves did not understand. Oh, how glad I was to know of salvation and how to have fellowship with God!

The only Scripture passage used was the reading of the Ten Commandments in both English and Hebrew. Then the story of Ruth was told. It ended with David. If only they could understand that it extended to Jesus, the Messiah, the coming King!

In spite of the message on profanity, we were no sooner outside the great stone building than some of the girls used God's name in vain.

"Didn't you listen to the rabbi?" I asked in surprise.

"Don't be so stuffy," they told me.

"This is a part of life. It isn't using God's name in vain."

Most of my friends say they will never go back into a synagogue again. They are happy to be free of formal religion. I don't wonder at their attitude. How could they want to go back to that cold, stone building when no one tells them how much God really cares for each individual person—so much that He gave His Son?

I thank God that I was born by His grace, into a family who knew Him and wanted me to know Him, too. I have learned how much my Jewish friends lack spiritually, and my heart aches for them because they are blind to the wonderful love of God. If He wills, someday I shall go to them as a missionary. In the meantime I can serve Him in my place as a Christian girl, bearing a true testimony of His love before my friends. It isn't enough, I find, to let your light shine; you must let your life shine, too, so that others can tell you belong to Him. ▼

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Winners



Left to right: William Tweeddale, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; David Hocking, Columbus, Ohio; Herman Hein, Jr., Kokomo, Indiana; and Charles Martin, Sacramento, California.

Brethren home-mission pastors carried away their share of trophies in the recent national Sunday-school contest. In addition to the winners pictured here, Robert Salazar of Albuquerque, New Mexico, won the Midwest District award and Phillip Simmons of Kent, Washington, won the Northwest District award. All of these pictured were winners in two or more categories.

The Lancaster, Pennsylvania, church is self-supporting, but it has given one group of people to start the branch at Elizabethtown, which is a home-mission church. They are now giving another group to start another home-mission church at New Holland, Pennsylvania. ▼

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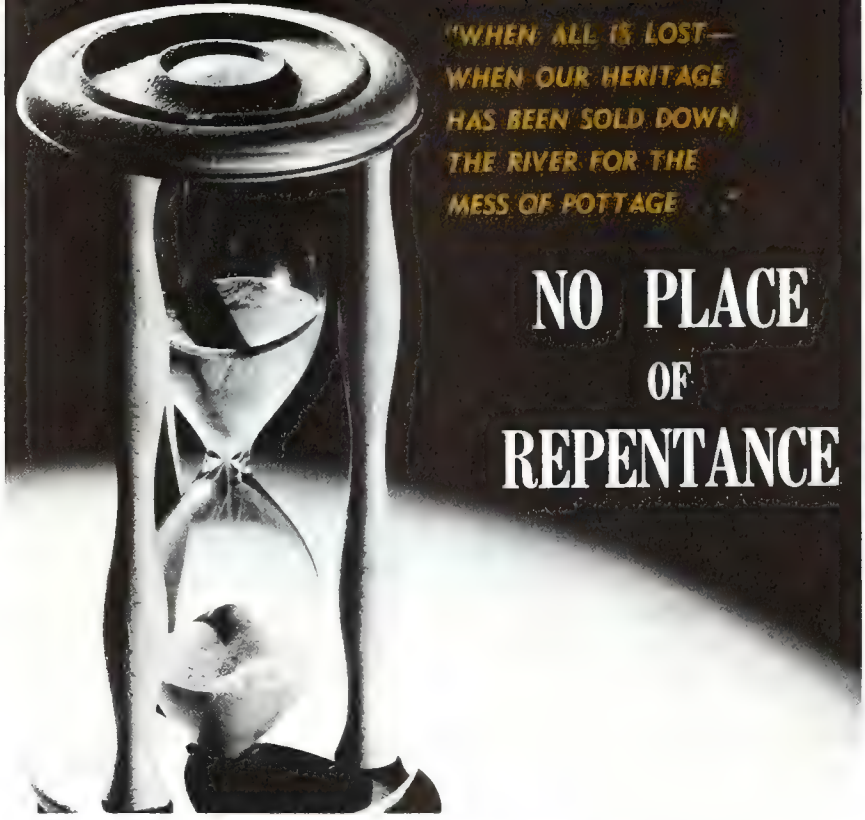
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NO PLACE OF REPENTANCE

During the Eisenhower administration a new military term was coined, it was, I believe, credited to his Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and was used in relation to the position the United States had assumed in the protection of Formosa and the islands nearer the China mainland. It was the word "brinkmanship." This word described the risk our government was taking that its actions might precipitate an all-out war with Communist China. It envisioned a commitment that might lead us to the point of no return, and the alternative would be war or cowardly surrender.

Men, and nations, can choose a pathway of behavior in the pursuit of selfish and sinful ambitions that will lead them not to brinkmanship, but over the precipice into utter ruin and defeat. Two scriptural passages, one in Genesis and one in Hebrews, present to us just such a situation. Read Genesis 25:27-34 and Hebrews 12:17.

The story concerns a family affair —the inheritance of the father's estate by his two sons. Strangely, at least at the beginning, the character of the sons seems not to be involved. The issue has to do only with what they held in prospect of acquiring as an inheritance.

An inheritance speaks to us of an endowment from the past—from someone or something that has been before us. It is something we have not earned for ourselves. We may not be worthy of it. We may use it wisely, or we may dissipate it foolishly. But it is ours, and we will do something with it!

James Russell Lowell left us a poem called "The Heritage." It concerns two sons, one the son of a rich man and the other the son of a poor man.

The rich man's son inherits lands,
 And piles of brick, and stone, and gold,
And he inherits soft white hands,
 And tender flesh that fears the cold,
Nor dares to wear a garment old;
 A heritage, it seems to me,
One scarce would wish to hold in fee.

The rich man's son inherits cares;
 The bank may break, the factory burn,
A breath may burst his bubble shares,
 And soft white hands could scarcely earn
A living that would serve his turn. . . .

What doth the poor man's son inherit?
 Stout muscles and a sinew heart,
A hardy frame, a hardier spirit;
 King of two hands, he does his part,
In every useful toil and art;
 A heritage, it seems to me,
A king might wish to hold in fee.

What doth the poor man's son inherit?
 Wishes o'erjoyed with humble things,
A rank adjudged by toil-won merit,
 Content that from employment springs,
A heart that in his labor sings. . . .

All of this might have been fine in the days of Mr. Lowell. However, today the rich man's banks, his bonds and his "bubble stock" are all insured by the federal government, and he would be in no danger of soiling his "soft white hands." As for the poor man, his son might better follow the old man on the relief roll without the questionable propriety of conditioning either his muscles or his heart!

But, as Mr. Lowell recognized, all men must die, the rich and the poor alike.

Both, heir to some six feet of sod,
 Are equal in the earth at last;
Both, children of the same dear God,
 Prove title to your heirship vast,
By record of a well-filled past;
 A heritage, it seems to me,
Well worth a life to hold in fee.

But, actually, it is not all so simple as this. Riches or rags do not of themselves lead to so glorious an inheritance as here indicated. Is the future estate to be considered as the place of bliss and blessing to all men alike? Does it not matter what we do with our heritage, and does not this doing have its terminal issue in an eternal state that is equated with each man's personal merit? Yes, what we do with our heritage is the test of values and, finally, determines our eternal state.

Our story gives us two men, brothers; in fact, twin brothers! Let us take a good look at them, for they differ very greatly. The first thing we learn is that God's view and God's evaluation are usually quite different from man's. In the Genesis account we read that "Isaac loved Esau . . . but Rebekah loved Jacob."

Now, after we have extolled the doctrine of God's sovereign election (Rom. 9), can we safely say that arbitrarily God would say, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"? Where is this surprising thing written? Look at Malachi 1:2-3: "Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, and hated Esau, and laid his mountain and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

Esau "despised his birthright" and God moved against him. He passed the point of no return. His "brinkmanship" led him to the precipice of disaster, and, although he realized it, he did so too late. He could not call back the day he sold out to Jacob for a mess of pottage. He could weep and bewail his sorry plight; he could swear vengeance on his brother

Jacob; but there was no chance to repent. He had to reap as he had sown.

Consider Our National Heritage

Just a few days ago a cartoon appeared in the Washington *Evening Star,* and a day or so later a stinging (but justifiable) rebuke appeared in a letter to the editor. The cartoon pictured two Klansmen in high spirits, saying, "I am dreaming of a white Anglo Saxon Protestant Christmas just like the ones I used to know."

In reply came this letter: "This is the greatest insult to the Protestant faith that I have ever seen in print. Your paper has had other insulting cartoons and remarks which I have tried to overlook, but this one breaks our relations. I happen to be aware of why Protestantism came into being. You and your staff better look at history and get a few things straight.

"We are not hidden under hoods or cloaks or any other type of seclusion. If you don't like the KKK, fight it and leave Protestantism as a whole out of it. We gave this country freedom that had never been known before, but there are many others who are trying to destroy it; and believe me, when they get control, there will be no more freedom. Yes, I'm mad—I'm furious. S.N.P."

I am in hearty agreement with this lady's righteous anger. What she says is true. Centuries of religious oppression and rivers of blood went before the days when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620; before men like William Penn and Alexander Mack broke away from the oppression in the land of the Reformation to establish in the New World a country dedicated to the freedom of religious liberty. It was this principle of religious freedom that allowed the "persecutors" of the Old World also to come to the New World and to practice their religious beliefs without fear of reprisal.

Today this freedom is being assailed by organized atheism and by communism (if there is a difference); it is being encircled by this same European adversary in Latin America, and the only "olive branch" offered is that the "erring brethren" return voluntarily to the same oppressor—the papal church! This church, by its own admission, preaches religious freedom in lands that are predominantly Protestant and denies this same freedom in lands which it controls.

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilence." America, wake up! About the only protest we hear today is the one directed against the Supreme Court and various states and school districts due to their actions restricting the reading of the Bible and the saying of prayers in the public schools. If we are going to preserve our heritage we are going to have to do something more personal and more effective than this. And we are going to have to remember that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds."

I think that this, too, was well said in our *Evening Star:* "The saddest fact about this whole controversial affair is that every Sunday morning

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thousands of church pews remain vacant. And during the week many churches take on a musty odor. Where are those adults and children who feel the need of prayer and worship? Why don't they go into a church building and pray? . . . Could it be those persons who complain the loudest about being denied the right to pray in school are sleeping in on Sunday morning?"

When all is lost—when our heritage has been sold down the river for the mess of pottage of an extra hour's sleep, for a drive into the country, or for some other pleasure that is intended only for the satisfying of the flesh; when we finally awake to the awful realization that the hand of Antichrist has seized upon America, and the unbeatable concentration of power of the apostate church is in political control of the land; when organized atheism moves in to control the other two-thirds of the world's peoples—then we will weep and lament, but it will be too late. There will no chance to repent, though we seek it bitterly with tears!

Our Personal Heritage— Our Bodies and Our Morals

"Physical fitness," to borrow a current term, has a moral quality. "If any man defile this body, him will God destroy." In 1919 I spent eight months in the state of Montana. There I worked on a farm, and lived with the farmer and his wife and little son. In the course of our conversation one evening this good woman told me of her brother, who lived in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He had sown his wild oats, and had "wasted his substance with harlots." He married, and in the course of time a baby boy was born to this union. But the baby was born blind, as a result of the sin and the disease of the father. In John, chapter 9, Jesus encountered a man who had been born blind. In answer to a question, He said that his blindness was not because of the sins of the parents. But that could not be said in the case of this man in Saint Paul. He had sold his heritage for the pottage of lust and selfish desire.

Our Birthright of Sex

Everyone is talking about sex today. It appears in the local papers and magazines. It is constantly seen and heard on TV and radio. It is discussed in the religious periodicals, such as *Christianity Today, Moody Monthly,* and *The Sunday School Times.* The highest compliment to be paid a star is to call her sexy. We are at a loss to understand what they are talking about, for it is now supposed to be something good, something nice. In one context it means merely an attractive female, a pleasing personality. In another setting it is supposed to cover the entire range of boy-girl relationships, while in yet another it becomes plainly suggestive, and too often descriptive, of what has always been understood by the word "immorality." However, when "sex" has reached the stage of fornication, it is given a new name—one without stigma or blame. It is said to be love in its deeper manifestation and expression, something good because of the context in which

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CHURCH NEWS

WINONA LAKE, IND. By action of the National Conference of 1966, the National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council were merged into the Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. All correspondence relating to either of the former two departments should now be addressed to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Dr. Harold H. Etling has been named director of the new department, with Mr. Dan Grabill named as assistant director.

NOTICE: A one-thousand-dollar group life insurance policy is available to all ordained and licensed elders in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for $16 a year. The deadline is Sept. 30. Write to William H. Schaffer, 7015 N.E. 23rd Ave., Portland, Oreg. 97211.

ROANOKE, VA. Rev. C. Dayton Cundiff has accepted a call from the Washington Heights Brethren Church to serve as pastor. He began his ministry here Sept. 4. The former pastor, Wendell Kent, began his ministry at the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., on the same date.

SIMI, CALIF. The students of the high school class were the winners of a "Growing with Christ" contest at Simi Brethren Church; eight young people were awarded a day at the beach and an outdoor barbecue. Mrs. John Williams was director of this year's Vacation Bible School, in which 12 children accepted Christ as Saviour. The VBS offering was used to buy Bibles for the Bill Burks, missionaries in Brazil. The Tom McDairmants, missionaries under appointment to Africa, were guest speakers at the church Aug. 28. Elmer Fricke, pastor.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Dennis Beach, who served during the summer as assistant pastor at the First Brethren Church, his home church, has returned to Grace Seminary for his last year of training for the ministry. John Terrell, pastor.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. Lon Karns, pastor from Englewood, Ohio, was evangelist for special meetings that started Sept. 11 at the Grace Brethren Church. Pastor and Mrs. Edward Lewis were honored on their 35th wedding anniversary with a number of gifts, including a cash gift and a large door mirror.

BEAVERTON, OREG. Pastor and Mrs. Luke Kauffman, of the Grace Brethren Church, announce the arrival of a baby boy. Curt Allen was born on Aug. 28.



RICHLAND, WASH. Nelson Hall, pastor of the Brethren church here, writes: "On Feb. 1 of this year we moved into the city of Richland to begin a new work on a self-support basis. We needed a means of income, a place to live, a place to hold the services with the ten people who were interested, and the necessary equipment to print our own bulletin. These the Lord has wonderfully supplied." Pictured above is the solution to the last need mentioned—an A. B. Dick mimeograph machine bought by the boys and girls of the Grandview, Washington, Vacation Bible School. Standing in back of the machine are, left to right: George Christie, Grandview pastor; Rev. and Mrs. Hall; and Fred Harris, Grandview Sunday-school superintendent.

ELKHART, IND. The young people of the Grace Brethren Church enjoyed a Hawaiian luau, or feast, complete with imported leaves and flowers and Hawaiian records on Saturday, Aug. 13. In prayer meeting Aug. 24 the speaker was Don Hocking, missionary from Africa. There was one public confession of Christ as Saviour, and 13 young people publicly dedicated their lives to the Lord. At Rev. Hocking's request, 13 adults volunteered to take these young people as special prayer partners. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. The Harmonaires from Grace College presented a program at the North Buffalo Brethren Church on July 25. Pastor Fred Walter reports that new windows with a colored glass effect have been added to the building. Six young people have recently been baptized, and the church has more than doubled its foreign missions offering over last year.

BUENA VISTA, VA. The First Brethren Church held its closing Vacation Bible School service on Aug. 7 with an attendance of 320. Approximately 295 children were enrolled for the week, and the average attendance was 255. James Smals, director of the school, worked with a staff of 55. The offering total was nearly $150. The final offering of about $50 was sent to Rev. and Mrs. Dalmain Congdon, who are serving with The Evangelical Alliance Mission in South Africa; Mrs. Congdon is a member of the church. Charles Thornton, pastor.

YORK, PA. The Grace Brethren Church reports the most successful Vacation Bible School in its history. The average attendance was 237, with a high of 265, and there were 47 decisions to receive Christ as Saviour. On Sunday afternoon, July 30, at a lake near York, Pastor Kenneth Wilt baptized 19 persons, 16 of whom were received into the church membership in the evening service.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. On Sunday evening, July 17, the people of the Grace Brethren Church had a look at Grace College through the eyes of a student, when Daryle Elliott, of Homerville, Ohio, showed slides of the school. The following Sunday morning Rev. Richard Messner, director of development at Grace

Schools, spoke in the morning service. Wesley Haller, pastor.

CLAY CITY, IND. Miss Carolyn Oberholtzer, a young lady from the First Brethren Church, recently spent a year in the Central African Republic teaching missionary children. Now back in the States, she has accepted a number of speaking engagements, both in the Clay City church and in other churches and organizations in the area. Robert Clouse, pastor.

CHANGES: The new telephone number of Rev. Stanley Jensen, Fort Wayne, Ind., is 748-6636. The telephone number for First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., is 219-744-1065. Rev. Glenn E. Moore has assumed the pastorate of the First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa. The new address of Rev. and Mrs. Moore is 1170 Wolf St., Fullerton, Pa. The new address of Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Kliewer is 613 Amber St., Modesto, Calif 95350. New address of Rev. and Mrs. Jack B. Churchill is 518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073. Please change *Annual*.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Rev. Curtis Mitchell, who has been taking graduate work at Grace Seminary, spoke in both the morning and evening services at the First Brethren Church Aug. 28. Richard P. DeArmey, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Pastors and Sunday-school superintendents will be interested in the valuable new tool for personal evangelism which is being introduced this fall by Gospel Light Publications, publishers of the adult Sunday-school take-home paper *Today*.

Beginning in October *Today* will appear in a new contemporary format that features a unique "pass-along" section. This four-page section provides each adult Sunday-school member with an attractive, evangelistic flyer which he may share with an acquaintance—neighbor, friend or business associate—who needs Jesus Christ.

In the first few weeks of publication the new pass-along section will include "I Look for Answers"—the searchings of a scientist who tried many solutions to his problems before finding Christ, the ultimate answer. A baseball player gives his testimony in "The Guy With the Natural Slide." In another issue Billy Graham describes the meaning of salvation in "What Conversion Is."

"Readers of *Today* have enjoyed an attractive, award-winning publication for many years," says Mr. William T. Greig, Jr., executive vice-president of Gospel Light. "Its new, up-to-date form and unique pass-along insert will expand its usefulness both as an inspirational and challenging take-home paper for Christian adults and as an appealing personal evangelism tool."

The new 12-page *Today* may be ordered from the Missionary Herald. It is priced at forty cents per quarter in sets of five or more. Free samples are available upon request.



TELFORD, PA. On Sunday, Aug. 7, the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church participated in a ground-breaking ceremony at its 12-acre plot of ground. An 80- by 40-foot building is planned, with a sanctuary seating approximately 225. In the basement there will be educational facilities for Sunday school and a fellowship hall. It is anticipated that the church will be ready for occupancy by Easter of 1967. Donald R. Goodhart, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Joyce Sleighter and Robert Heaston, July 23, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Nancy Elaine Lower and Rex E. Weirich, July 30, Savannah, Ohio.

Nelline Delhousay and Don Ketchum, Aug. 5, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Barbara Camp and William Jansen, Aug. 13, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Janet Davey and Phil Jones, Aug. 14, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Cinda Sue Ellsworth and Steven Michael Boyd, Aug. 20, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Diane Johnston and Clifton Lundberg, Aug. 20, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Penny Lee Coleman and David R. Bixler, Aug. 26, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Jerrilee Allen and Allen Hoyer, Aug. 26, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Ann Kathleen Bowser and Dan Richard Leek, Sept. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Frances Bryden and Jack Nichol, Sept. 9, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

No Place . . .

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the parties involved acted. Instead of being considered a crime, this kind of immorality is now amply subsidized by the government. The more children a woman bears out of wedlock, the greater the amount of her subsidy.

Just recently I talked with a young woman at the entrance of our church. She wanted money. Immediately she told me that she had a baby, and was not married. I asked her about her family. She said that she had two sisters living here in the city and they, too, were not married, although one of them had eight children and the other seven.

The tragedy is that the white folk are little or no better. Recently statistics have been released here in Washington that two out of every five children born are illegitimate. It has become so commonplace that the attempt is now being made to clothe the whole thing with the cloak of respectability. Driving home from Virginia recently we heard an announcement over the radio that there is now an organization demanding laws legalizing fornication and abortions! Oh, if our lawmakers only had intelligence enough to read history, and to see that it was this kind of thing that has been the downfall of great nations before us—Rome, for one example.

This subject can be found in almost any chapter in the Bible. Nothing is more universally condemned from Genesis to Revelation. Yet men choose to pay no attention whatever to the prohibitions in the Word of God against such deeds.

The "new morality" does not take seriously any portion of God's Word. So we are not surprised that its exponents are not alarmed over such passages as Revelation 21:8: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Men who scoff now at Biblical morality to accommodate themselves as they eat their mess of pottage of "self-expression," of satisfying the passions of the flesh, of making their own moral code—since "morals are, after all, only relative"—will come too late to realize that they have sold out too cheaply; and, though they may seek it with bitter tears, there will be no chance to repent.

A cursory analysis of Esau's record immediately confronts us with a warning that should cause us to weigh carefully our every motive, desire of the heart, and action.

First, the Bible tells us that "he failed [came short] of the grace of God" (Heb. 12:15). I take this to mean not only that he failed to measure up to God's standards of morality and spiritual stature, but also that his failure lay in the fact that he carelessly failed to appropriate the grace of God that would have produced in his life the qualities of human behavior that would have pleased God.

Second, his poverty in "the grace of God" endangered the spiritual maturity of others (Heb. 12:15—". . . and by it many be defiled"). The lust of the flesh is the most contagious disease in the professed Christian church. Here, no man lives unto himself.

Third, Esau was guilty of fornication (Heb. 12:16). His concern for temporal and material things, in preference to God and spirituality, was a malignant disease that was eating away the vital substance of true life.

Fourth, Esau was a profane person (Heb. 12:16). When we discover that this word means secular, irreverent, irreligious, blasphemous, we understand something of the basic character of this man. Such men are always ready to barter their heritage for a mess of pottage—anything to satisfy present appetites and lusts!

And, fifth, that which he sold so cheaply and so flippantly could not be recovered. It was gone forever.

Joseph's brothers sold out for their mess of pottage—20 pieces of silver. The time came when they could find no chance to repent. Hear their lament: "We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us."

King Ahab "sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord" (I Kings 21: 20), and his mess of pottage cost his nation 42 months of drouth; his queen, her four hundred prophets; and himself, his life. He, too, found no chance to repent.

Judas sold his Lord for 30 pieces of silver, and when he sought a chance to repent, the priests laughed at him. In desperation he threw the money down at their feet and went and hanged himself.

The only way out is not to take the godless way in. "Look diligently. . . ." (Heb. 12:15). If men could see the final issue of their godless deeds, they would not commit them. Few men have this ability, or, better, this good sense. Moses was an exception, for he chose rather "to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season . . . for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward." Payday always comes someday. Moses did not choose to forfeit his birthright for Egypt's pottage. "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

"Some years ago," said an evangelist, "I went around with an illustrated lecture on John Bunyan's great book, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. One day it occurred to me to look closer at the pack on the pilgrim's back. To my surprise I found it to be a none-too-large red sofa pillow. I compared it in my mind with the old-fashioned woodcuts in the *Pilgrim's Progress* in the home of my boyhood days. There the pilgrim was portrayed as staggering beneath the load of a great and heavy burden; but on the modern side that burden had dwindled down to a convenient sofa pillow! And I said to myself, 'Here is a good illustration of how the present-day generation has lost its conception of sin.' The average man today is not bothered much with a sense of his sinfulness."

But, as a matter of fact, "sin is exceeding sinful," and when our sophisticated, materialistic, fun-loving generation stand before the holy Judge of all the earth and, in His light, see themselves as they are, then their sweetly relished mess of pottage will turn to bitterness of soul and anguish of every sense which the human personality is capable of knowing. But there will be no chance to repent, though they seek it bitterly with tears! ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for Rev. Robert Thompson, who began his duties as western field director for Brethren Home Missions on August 1, 1966.

PRAY for the need of meeting a budget of $280,000 for 1967.

PRAY for the itineration work on behalf of Brethren Home Missions during the fall months.

PRAY for the involvement of more Brethren people in Brethren Home Missions to the extent of becoming corporation members.

PRAY for a number of new churches just getting started this fall.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for Evangelist and Mrs. Scott Weaver and musical team as they conduct crusade meetings in Africa.

PRAY for the evangelistic meetings to be conducted by Ron Thompson at Lake Odessa, Michigan, Leesburg, Indiana, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, as he conducts campaigns and soul-winning conferences this fall.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the new men's residence hall, which is in operation for the first time this fall.

PRAY for the seminary students, who will be taking midsemester examinations beginning October 31.

PRAY that the fall day of prayer, November 10, may prove to be a great day of victory.

PRAISE the Lord that construction of the new library will get underway this fall.

PRAY for the plans now being made for the annual missionary conference, which begins November 14 and lasts for a week.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for SMM meetings filled with blessing at the national youth conference.

PRAISE the Lord for all that was accomplished in the national board meeting.

PRAY that the churches not having an SMM will take the responsibility of starting one this year.

PRAY for the new local, district, and national officers as they begin a new year, that God will work through them to give us the greatest year ever in SMM.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for enlargement in every Sunday school during the current enlargement campaign.

PRAY for youth who recently received Christ or yielded to Him for service in Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, and our national youth conference.

PRAY for the follow-up of all who are participating in the Student Life Volunteers program.

PRAY for the staff as details of the new Christian Education Department are worked out.

PRAY for Sunday schools and youth groups as they enter into the fall programs.

PRAY for pupils, staff, and administrators of our Christian day nurseries, kindergartens, and day schools operated by Brethren churches.

PRAY that the financial needs of this newly-established department may be fully met by Brethren churches.

WMC

PRAY for a greater vision of what can be done in winning the lost in these days before Christ's return.

PRAY for more willing women to serve with SMM girls.

PRAISE the Lord for a good harvest of fruits and vegetables which makes possible a full cupboard of food this fall for the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School. *Urgent request!* Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers to fill the need of staff members.

PRAY for WMC district fall rallies, and pray that all goals may be met.

PRAY that the mothers of our homes may have great love and wisdom in fulfilling their tasks under God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for all personnel—both missionaries and nationals of the fields—who are engaged in translating or writing Christian literature.

PRAY for God's direction for those who are working in the area of printing and distributing all forms of Christian literature.

PRAY for the ministry of gospel bookstores in foreign lands, and pray that more may be established.

PRAY that a number of young people may be moved to dedicate their lives for the Lord's service in the literature ministry on the mission fields.

PRAISE the Lord for the vision of the National WMC in this year's foreign missions project—supplying funds for literature on all the foreign fields.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for His blessing upon the national conference laymen's sessions.

PRAY for the newly-elected 1966-67 officers, that they may receive wisdom from above as they plan for the coming year.

PRAY that each layman and laymen's group will join in supporting all phases of the Board of Evangelism ministry.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His continued blessing upon all phases of the Herald Company's ministry.

PRAY that the Holy Spirit might direct the board of trustees in the selection of a new editor for the *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

PRAY for the writers of the Sunday-school lesson material, that they might be given help from the Lord to meet every deadline.

GRACE BULLETIN

OCTOBER 1966



"The Scriptures then become the integrating core for a Christian liberal arts education and are the criterion by which truth, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may be justified."

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Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

1966 National Conference Now History

In the good providence of God the conference for which we prayed and to which we looked forward is now history. The directors of the various interests of the church have met for long hours and have prayerfully deliberated over the many problems. They have set new goals for the coming year. The prayer meetings, the Bible messages, the elections, the resolutions, the plans for the future have all been under the guidance of a sovereign God. The fellowship among the saints was a foretaste of a greater gathering together. But now, it is all history, and the many attendants have dispersed to their homes, their new appointments, the hopes for the future. Was this conference worth while? The final word cannot be spoken on this point till we get to glory. But some of the evidence will be exhibited in the year ahead. What new turn for the better has this conference produced in your life?

I Saw a Young Man Turn to Christ

My ministry is teaching those who have already come to Christ. So it is not often that I witness a decision for Christ. But when I do behold such an incident, I never fail to exult in this victory. In one of my services this summer that happened. I'm quite sure that it was not my message, but it did happen when I was there. This young man had been the object of much prayer and concern on the part of many people. And then it happened. The rejoicing was amazing. Already this life has begun to bear fruit for the Lord. This young man is on his way to a life of full-time service. What the story will be after the passing years, no one is able to say. But should the Lord continue to delay His coming, the result can well be one of the most glorious stories we will ever know.

The Dark Background of the World

The shadows are throwing their long, dark spectres across the horizon as the day of this age approaches its end. Lawlessness has suddenly broken loose upon the world until the most peaceful community has lost its once-treasured security. The law enforcement agencies and the courts seem to be paralyzed in their effort to control the situation. Crime is on the increase in every area and aspect of its operation. Mass riots, wholesale massacres, killing sprees are the order of the day.

In addition to the disorganized crime with its fearful and accelerating proportions, organized crime has mounted to the dimensions of a $40-billion-a-year industry in the United States, the nation's largest business next to government. Most people are paying to support it without even knowing that they are being "taken." The amazing structure and appalling effects of organized crime on the lives of individuals and our country's economy has become a grave concern to society, for which some solution is being sought.

Sow the Wind—Reap the Whirlwind

In village, hamlet, city and metropolis animated discussions and painstaking research are being undertaken in the effort to find the explanation, apply a remedy, and if possible head off the on-rush toward anarchy and the destruction of civilization. In the desperate effort to diagnose the situation, fix the blame, and apply the remedy, it is amazing how far afield men have gone. It seems at times that intelligent men with studied effort avoid the one satisfactory explanation: namely, that men have sown the wind, and they are now reaping the whirlwind. In the effort to avoid lifting their eyes to heaven, men have lowered their sights to the level of humanity, and in so doing, without the fixed stars of God's truth, are now drifting about on the trackless ocean with no port in sight. In the midst of this confusion some are crying one thing, and others are crying another, and the ship continues to drift before the changing winds of the storm-tossed sea.

The Light in the Dark Night

In the midst of the present confusion of thought, in the midst of the torrent of emotion and fear, in the face of the approaching destruction of civilization, is there not need for a school where the guiding star for this life is the absolute and infallible Word of God? Is there not need for a school where there is a haven of intellectual achievement within the protective walls of divine revelation? Is there not need for a school where teachers are determined to preserve and protect the faith of young people and enable them to reach the mountain top of intellectual maturity within this framework of reference? Just such a school is Grace Theological Seminary and College. This school deserves the confidence, the prayers, and the support of God's people. For this school, under God, offers one hope for the future of our nation and humanity. ▼

Academic Freedom—

Possible in the Christian College?

FIRST IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES

Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, president of Wheaton (Illinois) College, wrote this article under the original title: "Academic Freedom in the Christian College."

By Hudson T. Armerding

Interest in academic freedom ranges over the entire span of the intellectual history of the west. From the celebrated issues of Socrates' teaching in ancient Greece to the disagreement at St. John's University in New York State, this question has properly commanded the attention of those involved in higher education.

Before any consideration of the question of academic freedom as such is undertaken, however, it is well to recognize that a preoccupation with its problems may well result in a distorted perspective. Richard Hofstadter in the preface to his book, *Academic Freedom in the Age of the College,* says: "To write only about the outstanding violations of freedom would be to treat the story of academic suppression. The cases are, in a sense, the pathology of the problem. The distortions that would arise from dealing with them alone are comparable to those that would be found in the history of the labor movement telling only of strikes, a history of science telling only of the encroachments of theology or a history of political democracy devoted only to its defeats." It is important to keep in mind that one of the notable achievements of the western world is the development of its educational institutions. That these have been beset by issues is altogether to be expected of any active, growing enterprise, but the very vitality of that enterprise suggests that it was not problem-centered but rather concentrating mainly upon the realization of inspiring ideals. Such should be our perspective in dealing with the question before us.

Although there is constant discussion about academic freedom there is not always precise agreement on what this phrase means. In his book on the subject, Professor Russell Kirk quotes with approval a definition by W. T. Couch: "Academic freedom is the principle designed to protect the teacher from hazards that tend to prevent him from meeting his obligations in the pursuit of truth" (*Academic Freedom,* p. 1). A little later on in the same volume Kirk says, "Academic freedom is a security against hazards to the pursuit of truth by those persons whose lives are dedicated to conserving the intellectual heritage of the ages and to extending the realm of knowledge. It is the right, or group of rights, intended to make it possible for certain persons (always very few in number, in any society, when compared with the bulk of the population) to teach truthfully and to employ their reason to the full extent of their intellectual powers" (p. 3).

Another definition has been advanced by Professor Sidney Hook: "Academic freedom is a specific kind of freedom. It is the freedom of professionally qualified persons to inquire, discover, publish and teach the truth as they see it in their field of competence, without any control or authority except the control or authority of the rational methods by which truth is established. Insofar as it acknowledges intellectual discipline or restraint from a community, it is only from the community of qualified scholars which accepts the authority of rational inquiry" (see Hook, *Heresy, Yes—Conspiracy, No*).

In 1940 representatives of the Association of American Colleges joined with those from the American Association of University Professors to issue a restatement of principles set forth in 1925 following a conference on academic freedom and tenure. In the first paragraph of this statement there is this assertion: "Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interests of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition." This statement continues, "Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. It carries with it duties correlative with rights."

Of particular pertinence to the Christian college are the statements on the freedom and the responsibility of the teacher as follows: "The teacher is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his subject but he should be careful not to introduce into his teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated

in writing at the time of the appointment.

"The college or university teacher is a citizen, a member of a learned profession and an officer of an educational institution. When he speaks or writes as a citizen, he should be free from institutional censorship or discipline but his special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a man of learning and an educational officer he should remember that the public may judge his profession and his institution by his utterances. Hence, he should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others and should make every effort to indicate that he is not an institutional spokesman."

More recently the Association of American Colleges took under study a preliminary draft statement relating to student academic freedom. It is based upon the assumption that students expect to be recognized as participants in the development of academic policy. This statement, drawn up by the American Association of University Professors in October of 1965, states in its preamble: "Free inquiry and free expression are essential attributes of the community of scholars. As members of that community, the students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus and in the larger community. The responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to the freedom to learn is shared by all members of the academic community. Students should endeavor to exercise their freedom with maturity and responsibility."

Several conclusions may immediately be drawn from the foregoing definitions of academic freedom. One of these is that freedom should be integrally related to responsibility. Yet how to adjudge what is responsible behavior is not entirely clear. Nor is it clear when freedom becomes license. Manifestly, it is presumed that members of the academic community, because they are scholars, should have discriminating judgment which is more than abstract and which relates to the circumstances of daily life. In effect, it is implied if not expressed that the educated man can know the good and as an expected result do the good. In our consideration of academic freedom in the Christian college we must inquire whether this assumption is consistent with our view of man and our epistemological system. We should ask whether the exercise of freedom can result in responsible behavior only because of the personal integrity of the scholar, a group of scholars or even a community or culture for that matter. Moreover, we should certainly inquire whether man's sinfulness does not vitally affect his ability to know the truth as well as his capacity to do what it may demand. Even granted the radical transformation of regeneration we need to ascertain to what degree this makes us responsible scholars and in what particulars we remain fallible and sinful even though saved by grace.

This leads to another obvious inference which may be drawn from these various definitions. It is that, whereas truth is regularly cited as that which should be pursued and understood, it is not always clear how the term "truth" is defined. It is significant to note that, in the AAUP statement, recognition is given to the right of the religious institution to establish a certain framework and to expect those who are part of the academic community of that institution to recognize and respect such a framework. This would suggest that the term "truth" bears some definition before principles set forth by a group such as the Association of American Colleges can be effectively applied.

This is not a new problem, for the whole question of what constituted academic freedom became an issue in the medieval universities, where presumably a theological framework was clearly established. Even those universities ostensibly under public control were within this framework, due to the fact that in those days there was not the separation of church and state we know today with its attendant secularization.

The resolution of the issue may sound familiar. Hofstadter remarks that scholastic thought from the early 14th century onward was characterized by a radical separation between the sphere of the senses, reason and natural knowledge, on the one side and the sphere of faith and revelation on the other (*Academic Freedom in the Age of the College*, p. 28). He continues, "This radical dissociation of faith and reason seems, in any case, to have had a valuable function in the development of late medieval philosophy and science. It can hardly be coincidental that the two schools that are now considered to have mediated the fruitful continuity between medieval and early modern science, the Ickhamists of Paris and the Paduan Averroists, both resorted to philosophical techniques that in some measure freed speculation of inquiry by divorcing the consequences from the tenets of the faith." He further observes, "What was most commonly referred to in earlier days as the differentiation between revealed truth and natural reason also became transmuted later into differentiation between real truth and scientific hypothesis as well" (p. 39).

Such an accommodation persists until the present day. We are still tempted to divorce faith and reason, religion and science. For some the solution is to make theology a part of culture or, particularly in the realm of the scientific, irrelevant.

Such efforts at accommodation are unsatisfactory to the Christian colleges which take their philosophy of education seriously. These have insisted that all truth is God's truth whether such be found in the world of nature, or in man, or in the propositional revelation of the Holy Scriptures. A representative statement is as follows: "To provide a liberal education that introduces the student to the organized fields of learning and presents the Christian theistic view of the world, of man and of man's culture in the light of Biblical and natural revelation; to



enable the student to understand truth in his study of Scripture, of nature and of man; to pursue righteousness in the individual life and in society; and to appreciate beauty both in God's creation and in human literature and the arts."

These statements give us some indication of the definition of truth which is prerequisite to the exercise of academic freedom in the Christian college. There must be posited the assumption that God is a Being who has disclosed himself in nature and in man and has made explicit and categorical His revelation in the Holy Scriptures. Indeed, those who suggest that God's revelation is uniquely in Jesus Christ should recognize that our knowledge of Him is directly related to His disclosure in the Bible. The Scriptures then become the integrating core for a Christian liberal arts education and are the criterion by which truth, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may be identified.

In this it is understood that often, particularly in areas where truth is derived by experimentation and description or by rational analysis, there will be agreement with the non-Christian as to the data. The important distinction lies in assigning to such data their meaning or significance. Often this distinction is crucial.

In its relationship to academic freedom, then, the Christian college's pursuit of truth is ever within the framework of the Holy Scriptures. Nor should it be thought that the Christian college is the only institution which has an established framework within which the members of that particular academic community are expected to work. Kirk says, "There is not much point in critical thought if thought itself is a mere function of the biological organism, nor much point in new ideas unless those ideas may lead somewhere, nor much point in inner resources if man has no inner yearnings. Somewhere there must exist an object. All men possessed of the higher imagination seek for such an object in existence. Religion is the instrument of that search. I think that all gifted men must have some sort of religion; and if they decline to accept traditional religion, then they set to work (often unwittingly) to manufacture their own religion." He goes on to suggest that for some democracy is a living faith, indeed a religious faith; and that this is well illustrated from some of the writings of John Dewey. Others would advance the illustration of the logical positivism of Comte.

An important advantage which the Christian college can cite is that its framework of reference is explicit. Both faculty and students who desire to affiliate with such an institution know in advance what its presuppositions are. They in effect are entering upon a freedom to be exercised within a sphere of responsibility defined both theologically and philosophically. It should be emphasized again here that the establishment of such a framework and the expectation that faculty and students will understand and accept it is legitimate in accordance with the statement of academic freedom drafted by the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges.

The establishment of this kind of framework, however, is sometimes cited by the uninformed as an indication of intellectual myopia. Admittedly there have been instances in which institutions with a Biblical framework of reference have sought to exclude from discussion certain questions which might tend to be disquieting or embarrassing. The institution which is truly a college as well as truly Christian, however, cannot but answer in the affirmative the inquiry, "May any question be asked, any issue examined?"

Some qualifications, however, should be kept in mind. The discussion of critical questions or issues presumes a searching critique on the part of the instructor, not simply a passive description. Where it is not possible to ascertain finally what a conclusion should be, this must be freely admitted. On the other hand, there should not be the presumption that there are important areas on which there can be no Christian perspective brought to bear, no Biblical teaching or principle invoked. Too often the easy way out is simply to cite various alternatives and never engage in the difficult task of ascertaining what the Word of God has to say on such a question. Even more injurious is the tacit endorsement of a view which, if rigorously evaluated, would be found to be antithetical to a Christian world and life view.

Moreover, the examination of such questions cannot extend to advocacy which is in conflict with the assumptions of the institution. To do so would be inconsistent with the basic commitment which is presumed of all who teach in the college. Kirk says, "It is a principle of English and American jurisprudence and statecraft that we are not compelled to extend freedom to those who would subvert freedom" (Kirk, p. 115). Similarly, Christian colleges are not obligated to extend freedom to those who would subvert Christianity. In an editorial in the April 9, 1965 issue of *Christianity Today,* the writer says, "The problem of academic liberty in relation to theological statements of faith is not new. The real difficulty is how to resolve the tension inherent in such situations. In 1960 the American Association of Theological Schools adopted a splendid statement on academic freedom and tenure that says in part: 'An institution which has a confessional or doctrinal standard may expect that its faculty subscribe to that standard. . . . So long as the teacher remains within the accepted constitutional and confessional standard of his school he should be free to teach, carry on research and to publish. . . .'

"It is therefore clear that (1) academic freedom does not include the right to subvert an institution by changing its theological position; (2) professors who cannot honestly teach within the framework of the confessions they sign should be ethically sensitive and resign their posts; (3) professors who no longer adhere to a confession and fail to resign voluntarily should be relieved of their responsibilities."

This does not rule out differing viewpoints held in areas in which there is not general agreement. Once the institution has established, through its statement of faith, the propositions which it considers to be essential to its educational process, professors should be free to take positions on questions which are within the circumference of the institution's beliefs. ▼

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The Division Of Humanities

By Dr. James L. Boyer

Chairman, Division of Humanities
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Humanities . . . what does that mean?

Not very much, probably, to most people outside the field of higher education. So let me begin by explaining briefly how we use the word.

It does *not* refer at all to philosophical humanism, as opposed to theism, the antireligious, secular outlook on life so popular today. Nor does it refer to the study of man himself, for such studies are today classed as sciences — anthropology, psychology, sociology, and so forth.

Rather, the term "humanities" is a technical educational term which has come down from the past. Originally it referred to those branches of learning which were considered to be the proper pursuit of an educated man. He was the free man, as opposed to the slave. Since the slave did the work, education did not include such things as the professions and trades. The free man was able to devote himself to cultural studies: literature, language, philosophy, and so on. Later, when slavery had ceased to be widespread, the same tradition was sometimes preserved in the distinction between the "gentleman"—the cultured, educated man—and the common laborer. Now that higher education has become the right and privilege of all classes, such distinctions are meaningless. But the term continues to be used for those studies which have to do with culture and arts, as opposed to sciences, trades and professions.

Now the pendulum in education has swung to the other extreme. Today the professions and trades have so taken over higher education that the "humanities" are being hard pressed to justify their continuance. The spirit of our age is practicality, utilitarianism. Science and technology are demanding an ever larger segment of the college's curriculum. The demand is for courses that "will help me get a job" or "will be useful in my work."

We at Grace College believe that there is still need for an education that will prepare men to live as well as to make a living, that will make a man's life richer and fuller and more meaningful along with his increased power to earn a livelihood. The Chinese have a proverb: "If you have two loaves of bread, sell one and buy a lily."

The humanities division, as it is organized at Grace College, includes five departments: Biblical Studies and Religion, English and Speech, Greek, Modern Languages, and Philosophy. Eleven full-time and four part-time teachers, or more than one-third of the entire teaching staff, are devoted to this division. Of the 73 hours of general education courses required of every student at Grace, 41 hours are in the humanities division. The division offers at present four major programs and nine minors.

Why the Humanities?

There are many reasons why we include this division of studies in the curriculum at Grace and seek to emphasize its importance.

The first has already been suggested: to broaden the student's knowledge and appreciation of the finer things of life, to enrich his life in the realm of the spirit. The fact that the department of Bible is a part of this division will underscore for the Christian its basic importance. But this element is not limited to specifically religious instruction. It is true also of the study of literature, poetry, philosophy and the rest of the humanities.

Second, in our day more of life is being lived outside the trades and professions. With the 40-hour work week (and it may get even shorter) even the working man has more lei-

sure time at his disposal than he spends at his work. And the combined effect of earlier retirement and longer life span is to enlarge greatly that portion of a man's life which is not occupied with the making of a living. Certainly a liberal education for our day must give primary concern to those studies whose usefulness is not limited to the work-a-day world.

Third, there are many students in our school who are not going into the professions or trades, and many who have not yet decided on their life vocation. For them there needs to be a program of education which is not primarily aimed at preparation for a specific career, and one which will help them to make the decision for their life work. A liberal arts program of general education, with a heavy concentration in the humanities, is admirably suited to this large body of students.

Fourth, many of these studies in the field of humanities *are* directly useful. Can anyone imagine a life which would not be benefited by the ability to read and write and express oneself well in the English language? And there are professions in which these studies are especially utilitarian. Particularly is this true of the Christian ministry, and it should be remembered that one of the reasons for the beginning of Grace College was to provide a good liberal arts education for ministerial students who would be entering the seminary.



This, then, is the humanities division of Grace College. It lies at the very heart of our reason for existence. It must affect rightly the life of every student who comes to Grace. It must increasingly receive the consideration of our administration as the school grows, that we may not lose our purpose. ▼

Third in a series of articles by the chairmen of the four divisions of instruction at Grace College.

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Dedication!

BY ARNOLD R. KRIEGBAUM

Chairman of the Building Committee and Dean of Students, Grace College

The Challenge

In the now-remote years, the challenge of the sea stirred the imagination of youth, and uncharted oceans were conquered. In the late 1800's the challenge of the vast territories of the West spurred the curiosity of youth, and desert wastes were crossed; many adventurers reached the balmy western shores. Today, youth is challenged by the last great physical frontier, space.

When a restless enthusiast of the nineteenth century was challenged by a new frontier, he needed but to throw a pack over his beast of burden, shoulder a rifle for protection, and tread forth to conquer or be conquered.

In this twentieth century the path of a pioneer is much more technological. Major Robert M. White, United States Air Force, has stated that "the stairway to the stars is built on schoolbooks, and there is no conceivable short cut for a young man with such an ambition." Most young people are aware of this educational pyramid existing today. They are alert to their need for a well-rounded (liberal arts) education. For the Christian young person this imperative means an education freed from confusions, based on the eternal Christian philosophy.

The Brethren Church has taken up the challenge, and there stands at Winona Lake today a Christian college of which The Brethren Church can be justly proud and, at the same time, thankful to Almighty God for His goodness and grace in providing —through His people—such a unique institution in America. The Lord is blessing. Enrollment of fine students continues to climb. The spiritual challenge is being maintained. With the numerical growth of the student body comes the challenge for expansion in the building program. Aware of the tremendous need, the board of trustees authorized the erection of the first men's residence hall.

The Committee

On March 4, 1965, the board of trustees took up the challenge of the expanding Grace College program and appointed a building committee to plan for the erection of a new men's residence hall. The committee, appointed by the board, included Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Mr. Russel Dunlap, Rev. Clyde Landrum, Rev. Ralph Hall, Rev. Thomas Hammers, and Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, chairman. Mr. Dunlap was appointed secretary, and the committee has functioned in a most cooperative and commendable way.

The business transactions for the building program have been negotiated by Mr. Dunlap, business manager for the college. He has handled all the responsibilities for the committee which entailed the contracts and making contacts with the suppliers. A deep and sincere word of appreciation is due Mr. Dunlap for his tireless, efficient labors.

The Cost

The cost of the building was approximately $265,000 for 20,800 square feet of space, including $35,000 for furnishings. In addition, it was necessary to spend $10,000 for city sewer connection, about $3,000 for piping city water to the building, and about $2,500 for paving the road to the residence hall. Second and third units of like construction will not require these last three items.

Financial resources used for construction commenced with $1,852 in cash, and the balance was financed through the investments of Brethren people with the Brethren Investment Foundation.

The Crew

Under the capable leadership of Rev. Max Fluke, superintendent of construction, and his able assistant, Mr. Bert Jordan, the building nears completion. They and their crew worked many long days to finish this project, and the Lord alone keeps "the books." The painting and decorating has been ably done by Mr. Charles Lockwood. Mr. Dave Hacker, of Dayton, Ohio, gave much-appreciated assistance with the furniture and drapes.

The architect, Rev. Ralph Hall, and the architectural staff of the Brethren Home Missions Council planned and supervised construction of the building which now so beautifully complements Grace campus.

The Completion

On the evening of August 18, at the nine o'clock inspirational hour of the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, a dedication service was conducted in the Winona Lake Auditorium. Mr. William Schaffer presented an organ prelude followed by the congregational singing of "Faith of Our Fathers." The Carolaires, who traveled on the West Coast this summer, provided special music. Psalm 67 was read and prayer was offered by Mr. Russel Dunlap.

Words of appreciation were given by Rev. Kriegbaum, and the short message of dedication was given by Rev. Clyde Landrum, assistant general secretary for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. President Hoyt led in the prayer of dedication.

Following the formal dedicatory service, a general invitation was extended to an open house, where guides directed the tour and answered questions about the new residence hall. Refreshments were served in the first-floor lounge of the new residence hall, since the main lounge will not be completed until the end of September. The top three floors were made ready first for occupancy so the students could move into their rooms when they arrived on campus.

Brethren folk are again rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord, who has made possible the erection of this much-needed building on the Grace College campus. Even with this new residence hall it has been necessary to assign almost all of the senior men to off-campus housing. Pray that soon the next unit can be built for housing the additional men. ▼

News Concerning

Project: Library



Ground-breaking Paves Way for Construction

Construction on the new library-learning center for Grace College and Seminary will begin this fall on the basis of cash in hand ($58,543), according to an announcement by the board of trustees.

Mr. Max Fluke will serve as superintendent of construction, assisted by Mr. Bert Jordan and the crew which is now completing the new men's residence hall on the south campus. Mr. Don Lessig of the D. H. Lessig Engineers, Inc., of Warsaw, Indiana, will serve as the engineer on the project.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new library took place on September 14 under the leadership of Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president, with the entire student body, faculty and staff participating.

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Mr. Bruce Wright, executive vice president of the Lake City Bank, Warsaw, Indiana, reports that their board of trustees recently pledged $5,000 to Grace Schools, payable over a five-year period with the first $1,000 to be given this December.

We appreciate this vote of confidence on the part of local businessmen in the future of Grace College and Seminary.

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teran pastor Marc Voloungou communicates the good news of the Gospel to a new generation. (Photo by Rosella Cochran)

SPECIAL ISSUE: LITERATURE TODAY

Can We Take Advantage of . . .?

The World's Interest in Literature

The world of today is literature minded. The number of literates on the earth is growing by leaps and bounds. Dr. Frank C. Laubach and his associates, in their program to combat illiteracy, are constantly building up the number of literates, and there are the vast numbers who come to school age each year and are added to the world's readers.

In areas where there are many new literates, the isms soon appear with their propaganda of the printed page. The Communists have begun even the printing of Bibles, but with no good purpose, I assure you; their comments and footnotes attempt to discount the authority and truthfulness of the Bible. Recently, gold-covered copies of the Koran were sent as gifts to the presidents of the newly-constituted African nations. Masses of beautifully printed Sunday-school type literature is now being used by the Buddhists. The largest religious presses in the world are dedicated to the printing of materials for Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and so on. There is indeed a contest being carried on to secure the reading eyes of the people of the world, and it is to be feared that the evangelical Christian faith is doing poorly in this race.

However, we evangelicals *are* doing something; in fact, we are doing much, and these efforts are being blessed of the Lord. But our success is in circumscribed areas. And in most of the world we Brethren have scarcely begun in this great and effective ministry of literature. We have a press in Mexico, one in Argentina, one available to us in France, and some presses in the Central African Republic. These are doing good work—but are so small amongst the many.

At the same time, cooperation is a good word in the field of literature. And we do cooperate with the Moody Literature Mission, using and recommending their excellent film, "Mightier Than the Sword." With their consent we have arranged a short introduction in sound and color which adapts the film to our special use.

Our press in Africa prints for other evangelical believers, and in some instances their presses print for us. We appreciate the fellowship with ELO (Evangelical Literature Overseas), a group vitally concerned with writing, publishing, and distributing good Christian literature. When opportunity provides, we cooperate in their workshops, which specialize in teaching national church leaders to write, publish, and distribute their own literature. This is in complete harmony with the indigenous policies of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. With these different ones we are truly "laborers together with God."

The 1966-67 foreign missions goal of the national Women's Missionary Council is a source of great joy to us. They have a goal of supplying at least $3,900 for literature in all of our foreign fields. This will be of tremendous help in the program of sending forth the Gospel to our lands of endeavor.

There is a great field and there are vast opportunities in the work of Christian literature in this present day. The foreign mission section of this issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is centered around the theme of Christian literature. Please read these challenging articles, and then hold before the Lord this business of reaching people for Christ, and building them up in the faith, through the ministry of the printed page. ▼

Editorially Speaking



Dr. Russell D. Barnard

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Literature Month



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By Rev. Walter Haag

God's Literature Program



Teens, literature, and the Mexican symbol

The other day I began thinking of "God's literature": His Holy Word, the Bible. It is not difficult to see what a very wise thing it was for Him to have *written* the message that He had for us. A written message does not change from day to day nor down through the centuries. We have the same message today that thrilled those of the Early Church. Times have changed, circumstances have changed, but the message is the same. In its written form it is economically produced and cheaply sent to people all over the world to be read in many languages. It can be studied and restudied as often as desired, and can enter homes and other places where no person could carry the message. These are some of the advantages of literature, and God knew it was the best way to present His message.

My acquaintance with the sales of literature in Mexico as reflected in *Libreria La Voz* (bookstore) in Tijuana, Baja California, would lead me to conclude that God's literature, the Bible, is by far the best seller of all the books that are offered. It is wonderful to realize that as it is read, God is speaking to many souls each day. In the past the people of Mexico had been told not to read the Bible because they could not understand it. Now the prohibition has been lifted and the Bible is being



A witness in Tijuana . . .

bought by people who never owned one before. Many are beginning to understand God's wonderful message of salvation to a lost and dying world.

Next in sales in the Tijuana bookstore are the books that deal with Bible study or Bible helps, such as dictionaries and concordances. These are for pastors as well as others who want to study God's Word—literature produced to throw light upon what God gave long ago.

Although not many tracts are sold in Tijuana, their use is very widespread. Undoubtedly there are many sources of free tracts and sources where they can be obtained more cheaply than at the bookstore. Tracts are used of God to make people want to know more of His message. The comment has been made by some of our Mexican brethren that the tract which is a translation from English does not present the thinking pattern of the Latin, and they wish—and we encourage them—that some of the national Christians would write tracts for their own people. However, there are many good tracts already written which bring the sinner to realize his need for God. He then will want a Bible or Scripture portion, which is God's literature, to feed his soul and help him grow in the Lord.

Think of the wisdom of God in setting up His literature program to benefit mankind everywhere in all ages! Thank You, Lord, for Your Word. ▼



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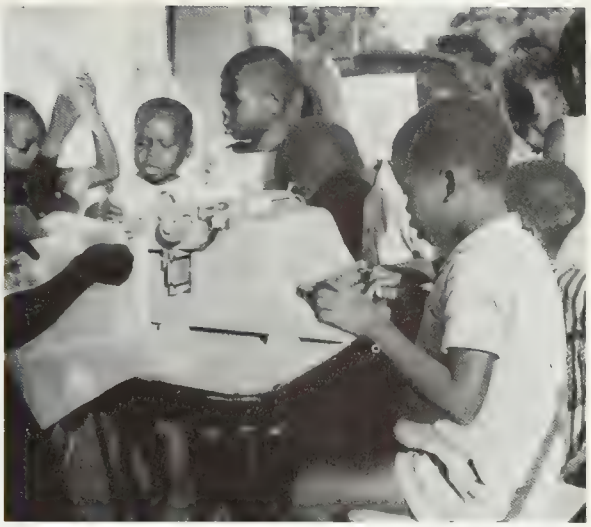
Literature Production in the Eighties

By Miss Rosella Cochran

We had a party the other day. The things leading up to it had begun a few days before under the used-to-be shade trees down by the dispensary. Since the acacias there had grown tall and unshapely, we had them trimmed—stripped, in fact, until there was nothing left but the trunks. It would have taken the two men hours to drag away all the branches that had fallen.

A group of children had been attracted by this "Operation Tree-trim"; I think they had already struck on the idea of dragging the branches away. So when I asked, "How many children do you suppose it would take to pull this branch over there and deposit it in the tall grass?" there were several volunteers.

There was a great display of enthusiasm during the next hour or so. It was fun! There were large "trucks" requiring a "chauffeur" and many helpers. There were "pickups" which were easily handled by three or four crewmen. And there were the little "private cars" which could be easily operated by a five-year-old. When the "traffic" was finished for the day, I gathered around me 15 of the most ambitious children,



Reporter . . .



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and gave them "work cards" which would permit them to return for more work (or play—whichever they preferred to call it!). The next day they were on their own and the men said they worked well. The third morning I went down and found a row of children sitting on a log, each with his work card in hand, reporting for duty, waiting for more branches to fall under the stroke of the axe. When that work was finished, I announced that on Sunday afternoon at four there would be a party at my house for the "gang."

They were all there before three, and the party was a success because there was food: bread, pink Kool-Aid, cookies, and a take-home souvenir. It rained—but five- to ten-year-olds are small, and there was room for all on my front porch which measures six by eight feet. We sang and visited, and I took the opportunity to tell them the old, old story of how Jesus had died for *their* sins. All 15 are children of Bible Institute students or Christian workers, but many have not yet accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour.

In work and in play these children had exhibited a great deal of enthusiasm and ambition. What can we do, I wondered, to cause them to maintain these qualities until they are adults? Most important, of course, is to keep before them the Gospel of Christ. The local church is doing this, but the African church desires the help of the missionary in training leaders. They want and need the help of the missionary to provide them with study materials—literature.

How interested would these children be in forming a literature committee? I brought out a typewriter. Who would like to be a typist? Fifteen volunteers. Editor? At present only three or four of the group read fluently, but most who have reached school age are in school. Printer? The son of one of the faithful workers in the printshop was present. Distribution agent? One in this position would need to know how to drive a car, and *everyone* has a desire to operate a motor vehicle. Bookstore manager? This would require a special skill in keeping books—and arithmetic is *so* difficult, but not impossible. Writers? One of the little girls was leafing through one of the recently printed *Trompette Evangelique* magazines. Suddenly her face lit up and she exclaimed, "There's my daddy!" He was pictured as the author of one of the articles. We already have writers. Some have a message for their people. Let's allow them the opportunity to present it on the printed page, that many may read.

The formula for effective performance in any field is ability plus motivation. Ability is obtained by combining knowledge and skill, or aptitude. Motivation comes when interest and attitude are added in proper proportions. In children, all the ingredients (or their potential) are there. Can you picture that wonderful literature production crew coming up? I can! ▼

"THE GANG"



A wonderful production crew coming up . . .

"I brought out a typewriter. Who would like to be a typist? Fifteen volunteers. Editor? Printer?" And so it went.

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The Moody literature film "Mightier Than The Sword" is available for showings in Brethren churches. The sound-color film shows evangelicals at work around the world in the literature ministry. There is a brief personal introduction by Dr. Russell D. Barnard. Running time is about twenty-eight minutes. For further information, please write:

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Pages On the March

By Rev. Donald F. Miller



Mission truck loaded with bookstalls

What good is literature if it stays on the shelf? The roads are long, and the sun is hot: how can we expect the people from out in the bush villages to walk to the town for the purchase of literature? How can Christian literature be attractively kept before the public? How can a great Christian impact be made on the minds of the people? Distribution seems to be one of our bottlenecks!

The subject of the solution to these problems has long been a matter of prayer and discussion among your missionaries. We have felt the influence of the printed page in our own personal lives. We know that many times you are what you read—whether it be for the good or for the bad. The printed page is powerful.

The following quote comes from a Gospel Light publication: "The greatest power today is not nuclear energy. It is a tiny substance twenty-five ten hundred thousandths of an inch thick, the thickness of the printer's ink." This tiny substance has been used to sway the course of nations, to change the hearts of people, and to influence the minds of millions. Thousands of adults, young people, and children are standing with needy hearts for the message of the printed page which reveals Jesus Christ. Failure on the part of evangelicals to meet their needs at this time would be tragic.

For years here in Central Africa our main avenue for selling Christian literature was from book rooms at the local mission stations. Footlockers of books always accompanied the missionaries when they made their chapel visits and when they attended district conferences. It was very evident that this type of distribution was spotty and inadequate. It by no means met the needs of the population.

In recent years a number of new independent African nations have evolved. The Central African Republic, the country in which our mission is located, is one among the many which have been born during this time. The value of education is being emphatically stressed by new African leaders. Many more schools have been and are being established. In recent years the educational program has changed completely—from the selection of a favored few to a program which is rapidly including all the youth of school age. Thousands of youth are readers today, and they are greatly interested in what is going on in the world. They are listening to the radio and reading current news and information. They will read Christian books, magazines, and pamphlets, also. What a challenge!

To meet the challenge, there was a new idea born at the Bible Center in the Central African Republic on a pleasant summer evening in 1963, as three of us men discussed the possibility of more adequately meeting the need of literature distribution. This new idea was the kiosks, small bookstalls to be placed throughout the area of our mission's work in Africa. We began to pray about the idea. One was built, and then two. It was now no longer simply an idea or a thought, for very soon it became evident that this new idea was going to be a popular addition.

While we were home on furlough during 1964-65, word was received from our field council in Africa recommending the building of a total of 66 bookstalls. During missionary conferences we were able to present the need in many of our churches. Others of you read of the need in the *Missionary Herald,* or in letters, or heard of it by the proverbial grapevine.

The Lord wonderfully provided for this project. So many individuals, churches, Sunday-school classes, and VBS groups responded to this need that shortly the nearly $20,000 necessary for the construction and initial inventories was provided. For this, we as a mission extend a heartfelt thank-you.

Two weeks ago the 48th bookstall was completed by our builder, Mr. Balzer. Last week our large mission truck came grinding up the Bozoum hill, loaded high with six bookstalls. They are being delivered to the other districts in this manner and, very shortly, many more kiosks will be established to bear a testimony for Jesus Christ by the printed page in this country. Again, we say thank you for what He has done through you. ▼

BY REV. TOM JULIEN

Aimez-Vous Lire?*

(*Do You Like To Read?)

Anyone who visits Paris for the first time cannot fail to be impressed by the importance of literature in French life. The bookstalls on the left bank of the Seine, the magazine "kiosque" on every corner, the subway passenger mentally devouring a paperback—all these are obvious signs that nearly every Frenchman is a reader.

And, usually, he is a reader who thinks. His keen insight and gift for analysis prevent him from accepting new knowledge without subjecting it to careful criticism. When he believes anything, he can usually supply reasons.

For this reason France presents at the same time tremendous opportunities and great obstacles to Christians who wish to proclaim the Gospel by the printed page. There are opportunities—for anything thoughtfully written and attractively printed will find a reading audience. And there are obstacles—for Christian literature which falls below these standards will do discredit to the Master.

Though some literature in France is still disappointing in content and shoddy in appearance, recent years have witnessed the publication of much that is excellent. And there is evidence that this trend will continue.

One of the events of the past year which may prove significant in the field of Christian literature was the installation of the only printing press in France completely dedicated to evangelical Christian literature. This press is operated by John Miesel of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, a Grace Seminary graduate. The purchase of a larger press in the near future, the addition of new workers, and the steps being taken toward encouraging French Christians to write quality literature—these are indications that this press may have an important part to play in the future literature picture for France.

The printing facilities of the U.F.M. are located on the property of the Chateau of Saint-Albain, and the warm spirit of cooperation between the two missions provides us at the Chateau with the privilege of engaging in literature projects which would otherwise be impossible. During the past year the first of these projects was realized: the production of five "phototracts."

The phototracts follow a somewhat different approach in presenting the message of the Gospel. Larger than most tracts, they use photos, modern layout, and short, pithy phrases intended to arouse the curiosity of the reader and prepare for a possible future personal contact. Rather than beginning by trying to prove that the Bible is God's Word (which few Frenchmen accept), they underline the emptiness of man's heart and show how Christ came to make it possible for man to find God.

Six thousand copies of each of the five tracts were distributed this past year at Macon, in five-week intervals. A number of interested people have contacted the Chateau as a result.

The Brethren literature ministry is not limited to the distribution of tracts, however. Under the direction of Daniel Dutruc-Rosset, our French worker (who, until the organization of Brethren churches in France, is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana), and Tim Kauffman, a U.F.M. worker, a lending library is set up every other week in the Macon open-air market. Market work has been carried on ever since we came to the Chateau, but it has only been this year that the library approach has been attempted. Not only do more people show interest, but we are able in addition to secure the names and addresses of the people who take books, thus permitting future contacts.

The lending library also plays a big part in the youth activities of the Chateau. Most of the youth who come read avidly, and many of them take new books each time they visit the Chateau.

Unfortunately, the lending library is quite small. Limited funds permit only a limited number of new books, and, further, it is inevitable that some books disappear—people do forget. But it is our hope that eventually we may secure most of the Christian literature in print in French for the Chateau library.

Literature can never replace the Christian worker, for "faith cometh by hearing." Good news must be incarnate in the lives of those who bear it to others. But it is nevertheless an invaluable supplement to the missionary, and the means of placing the Christian message permanently in homes. Please join us in prayer for this important ministry. ▼

Literature distribution in France



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Knowing Your Missionaries



The George Cone family—left to right: Camille, Mr. Cone with Calla, Kim, Mrs. Cone, Karisse.



The Cones returned to Africa this past July after spending a year of furlough in the U.S. Perhaps some of you saw them during that year. Miss Ruth Kent, teacher of the Missionary Children's School, returned to Africa with the Cones after she, too, had been on furlough. Miss Kent is the teacher of the Cone children (all except little Calla, who isn't old enough to go to school). The school is right at the Bible Center station, where the Cones live.

In the picture at the left, Karisse and Camille were being *real* Missionary Helpers as they carried water for some Congo missionaries who were staying at their station. The girls look like they were glad to be helping, don't they?

MISSIONARY HELPERS



Debbie Miller—Parkville, Guaynobo, Puerto Rico



Danette Newkirk—Grace Brethren Church, Beaverton, Oregon



Deena Karen Sizemore—Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Virginia



Miss Kent

MARY MISSIONARY



Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN • • • COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

National Conference Laymen's Sessions Feature Evangelism and Witnessing

Each morning of conference week a fine group of laymen met together to sing, pray and consider the ministry of evangelism. Attendance averaged 72, and offerings received amounted to $241.04.

Inasmuch as real progress is being made to knit together more closely the Board of Evangelism and the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, two of the speakers were representatives of the Board of Evangelism. Rev. Bill Smith, the director, spoke on "Methods of Evangelism." Rev. Scott Weaver, who will begin his ministry of evangelism on January 1, 1967, spoke on "The Challenge of Evangelism." George Wilhelm, our national president, brought a message on the subject "A Layman Looks at Evangelism." Dr. Orville Jobson, who had just returned from a special tour of duty in Africa, presented the subject "Evangelism in Missions." On Friday of conference week a special fellowship time with the ministers was held in the Free Methodist Fellowship Hall. Coffee and rolls were enjoyed by all, and a devotional time was shared with Professor John Davis bringing the message. Over 275 laymen and ministers were present.

Mr. Russel Dunlap, business manager of Grace College and Seminary, presented a report giving the total amount in the scholarship fund, which currently stands at $8,479.94. Only $1,520.06 remains to be raised to complete the goal in this fund.

Officers elected for the coming 1966-67 year were: Ken Kohler, president; Roy Lowery, vice-president; Millard Speece, secretary; Ben Zimmerman, treasurer; and Ken Kerman, Laymen's Page editor.



The Pastor's Salary . . . Ugh!

In the six years you have permitted me to be your Laymen's Page editor, I have never taken my typewriter in hand to write an editorial or get on a soapbox.

But today, I'd like to discuss with you an off-limits subject like the pastor's salary and allowances.

Our responsibility as Christian laymen and those who comprise the church official board and its board of trustees, and, in many churches, supply the church moderator, demands that we examine what we're paying our pastors in The Brethren Church.

In recent years great strides have been made in a number of churches to compensate more adequately those to whom God has entrusted the spiritual leadership of our people. However, many churches could do much more.

Last spring it was my privilege to attend a district conference in a nearby state. I talked to a number of the pastors present about their salary and expense arrangement, and was surprised to find some pastors driving long distances, caring for meals and incidental expenses, without receiving any expense allowance from their home church. What was the topic of conversation just prior to lunch? "There's a 15-cent hamburger place half a mile from here," or "We've got to stretch our grocery money while we're here . . . perhaps the wife and I will just get a malt for lunch."

One Grace Seminary graduate pastoring one of our churches recently confided: "I'm afraid I'm going to have to give up the pastorate. My wife and I try to stretch every dollar as far as we can, and yet with our two growing children and today's rising costs, we just can't make it." I would be ashamed to tell you this man's salary figure. Yet the layman who is the moderator of his church has a salary in the five-figure bracket.

In the next few months, many churches will be considering the pastor's call and salary for 1967. Economic conditions, church sizes, and resources vary in different sections of the country, and I would not attempt to set a pastor's salary figure which could be deemed "adequate." A good idea used by some churches is to gather six or so of the outstanding and successful laymen in your church. Ask each man to jot down his annual wage on a blank piece of paper—without disclosing his name. Then total the amounts and take an average. If you're not paying your pastor what the amounts average, then consider giving him a raise at the next business meeting.

We all realize that men do not accept the Lord's call to the ministry for the amount of money they can make. However, let us make sure that we are paying an adequate salary to

the man whom God has called to shepherd our flock.

Here are four suggestions that will be helpful as you consider the pastor's salary and allowances.

1. The thoughtful layman concerned about increasing his pastor's effectiveness should alert his church to set a goal of relating the pastor's basic salary (cash, housing and utilities) to that being received by comparable *professional people* in the church or community with similar education, experience and ability . . . modified only by the size and resources of the church.

2. Provide some of the fringe benefits for your pastor which are commonly made available in business and industry. This should include the retirement program set up by our Board of Ministerial Benefits, Social Security, and hospitalization insurance.

3. Adequate allowances should be given to cover those expenses incurred by the pastor in the conduct of his work, such as travel, office materials, entertainment of evangelists and visiting missionaries, and so forth.

4. Alert your church to make adequate provision for the continuing personal and spiritual growth of your pastor. Ideally, this could include a full month for vacation, funds for travel to national and district conference, a book allowance, and perhaps an annual trip to a Bible or pastor's conference.

Our pastors are understandably most reluctant to discuss these matters with the members of their churches, fearing the possibility of misunderstandings. Laymen must take the necessary leadership in this area. *Let's accept this responsibility!* —KEH ▼

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In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SCHROCK, Sarah Ellen, 88, passed away July 16. She came to know Christ early in life and was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. She faithfully corresponded with many of our foreign missionaries. She had five sons, all of whom know the Lord; the youngest is Lynn D. Schrock, Brethren missionary to Argentina. Her son Edwin has served on the national Sunday School Board for a number of years, and another son, Vernon, is presently serving as a member of the Home Missions Council Board. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, John M. Aeby.

BECHER, Mrs. Hope, of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., was killed in an explosion late in August. Her funeral was conducted by Pastor Mark Malles. Her husband, John, went to be with the Lord last Oct. 7.

LARDIN, Mrs. Margaret, passed away on Friday, Aug. 26. Mrs. Lardin worked for many years in a Sunday school at Kittanning, Pa., a Sunday school which later became the North Buffalo Brethren Church.

Fred William Walter, pastor.

HAND, Bill, went to be with the Lord Sept. 2. He was a member of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif., where he was known as a prayer warrior. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Neil Beery.

CORNWELL, William D., Sr., 56, went to be with the Lord Sept. 3 after a short illness. He was a faithful member of the Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, and at the time of his death was serving as deacon and trustee. Services were conducted Sept. 6 by Rev. Daniel Eshleman and Rev. Gerald Teeter.

Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

CARTER, Gordon J., a member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, since 1930, died Sept. 5, just a few days before his 68th birthday. Officiating at the funeral service was Rev. James Custer, pastor of the church.

WHAT'S NEW?

Christian Education Depart

Newly created by action of this year's National Conference



Above: Mr. Dan Grabill, assistant director, and Dr. Harold Etling, director of the department.



Frequently I am asked by those with whom I associate, "What's new?" Without much thought, I come up with the reply of the newest information I might have at hand. However, the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes once said, "There is no new thing under the sun" (Eccles. 1:9).

But there is something brand new to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

It Is Not a New Message

As a fellowship of churches we have but one message, "the truth of the whole Bible, and the whole Bible of truth." The motto of our church from its very inception has been "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." We believe this motto and are committed to it. Hence, we do not have a new message.

It Is Not a New Office

The National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council have enjoyed the working relationship of sharing office space in the Brethren Missionary Herald Building in Winona Lake, Indiana, for the past three years. These offices with some very minor changes are adequate at the present time for the work that has been committed to us.

It Is Not New Employees

The Lord has called into His service in the work of Sunday school and youth, five persons who are totally committed to the task of reaching, teaching, training, winning and enlisting men, women, youth and children for Christ. No new personnel are being added to the present staff of employees for the moment. Called to serve as director of the department is Harold Etling; as assistant director, Dan Grabill; as office manager, Bobbette Osborn; as bookkeeper, Lorraine Tasker; and as secretary, Sandra Farner.

What Then Is New?

The Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is *new!* It was created by action of the National Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in session in mid-August. In a change of constitution, the work formerly committed to the National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council is now committed to the Christian Education Department.

The broad outline of the work of this new department is defined in the constitutional amendment adopted by the conference, which reads: "It shall be the duty of this board to study and promote the total work of Christian education in all of its phases and departments, including Sunday school, children's church, training hour, Vacation Bible School, camps, conferences, retreats, and so forth, and to recommend or provide suitable curricula and materials for the above. This shall be accomplished through research, promotion, assistance and encouragement at the local, district and national levels."

In addition to this constitutional change, outlining the duties of this department, by further action the Na-

By Dr. Harold Etling

t of The Brethren Church!

Below: The entire staff of the new Christian Education Department. Left to right, hey are: Dr. Harold Etling, Mrs. Lorraine asker, Mrs. Sandra Farner, Miss Bobbette sborn, and Mr. Dan Grabill.



tional Conference charged the Christian Education Department with the responsibility of a "study of the problems, and to assist in an aggressive program of encouragement and help in establishing and operation of Christian day schools throughout our fellowship of churches."

Quickly we want to assure every member of every Brethren church that we do not intend to lessen our emphasis on any part of the work that has been carried on in either of the departments heretofore. With the new department now organized, we expect to be able better to organize our forces, coordinate our efforts, and conserve the finances given for the work of Christian education.

The future of our church is without limit! The staff of your national Christian Education Department has spent many hours in prayer and planning for the future work of this department of work.

There will be helps available to you at every age level and in every phase of your work, both in the local church and in the district programming. Already plans are in process to provide some of these helps to you immediately. Others will take a bit longer but are already in the planning stage, and are being prepared.

What Else Is New?

There is a brand-new opportunity for you to help in the work of this new department. We invite you and urge you to pray for this department of the work of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, just as definitely as you pray for any other phase of our national work. The personnel in this department need the direction of the Lord in a particular way as we attempt to give assistance to your local church. We want you to pray for us by name, and do it daily!

Then, too, we invite you and urge you to give through your local church for the work of this department. We cannot do the task assigned to us by our National Conference without the help of every Brethren church, and, of course, The Brethren Church is *you*. We would like to encourage every Brethren church to include the work of this department in its annual budget, and it ought to be a minimum of at least $2.00 per Sunday-school pupil per year. This is new, and we trust that you will help us to remain a new challenge week after week throughout the years to come. Only as individual members and churches share with us in the task of reaching America for Christ and of training those already reached to go forth in service for Christ, will we be able to continue to fulfill the Great Commission which is not new, yet is ever new!

Write to your Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 for help in your local church in any of the areas of work given to us, and we shall be glad to give whatever aid we can to help you do a better job of the task committed to you. ▼



Above, left to right: Mrs. Farner, Mrs. Tasker, and Miss Osborn.

National WMC President's Message to 1966 WMC Conference . . .

SO SEND I YOU

Time has no leisure hours, no roadside resting parks. Methodically she presses on. The grains of sand stream swiftly through the hourglass, and looking back we see another year is gone.

It seems only yesterday we met in Long Beach and accepted with eagerness the challenge of a new WMC theme, "For the Master's Use." With each monthly study in Timothy and Titus a desire has deepened in the hearts of many women in our councils to be surrendered vessels, cleansed and prepared unto every good work for the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," and so we bring our praise to Him for that which He has been able to do through WMC this year. Reports will reveal many good works in growth and giving. In these we can only say, "This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

Now the new year stretches before us, but I would remind you it too will pass quickly through the hourglass. We, as women of God, have no time to waste. There is no doubt in the minds of many that every Bible-believing church faces a critical year. Satan would seek to undermine and destroy any denomination which stands on the inspired Word of God as infallible.

Thus we must grasp every opportunity to give ourselves wholly to Christ. We must not hesitate but willingly obey as He speaks. The admonitions of this past year have prepared us for the command in our new theme verse, "So Send I You."

In John 20:21 Jesus said to His disciples, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Today He says the same to each of us. This verse sounds very simple, but a study of it reveals a much deeper meaning. It was not spoken lightly, but gravely, when there was not much time left for Christ to be with those whom He loved. The verses before and after signify its vital meaning and place in God's plan for every follower of His.

This 20th chapter of John is one of the great resurrection chapters, filled with infallible proof that Jesus Christ was not dead, but alive; not in the tomb, but walking in the midst of the disciples; not defeated by sin and Satan, but victorious over sin and the grave.

Early on the first day of the week Christ had met Mary in the burial garden—Mary, whose heart was like lead, weeping in bitter anguish for Him whom she had loved and lost. Then Christ spoke to her: "Mary." It is impossible to express her name in any tone of voice so as to reveal the significance of His voice as he spoke.

But instantly Mary saw Him and knew Him as her Lord and Master. Weeping stopped, anguish disappeared, and in her joy she hastened to obey His command as He sent her to tell the others He was alive.

There is a sequence of events in these few moments of time through which every child of God must pass before qualified to be sent by our Lord.

We must see Jesus as our own Saviour.

We must believe He is the risen Christ.

We must then be willing to obey gladly when He sends us.

By evening of that same day at least ten of the disciples had secured themselves in a room because of their fear of the Jews. What had brought them together after three sorrow-filled days and nights? No doubt it was the stories they had heard that Jesus was alive, risen from the dead.

And suddenly He was there. They saw Him and believed it was Jesus. Then as He said, "Peace be unto you," He showed them the wounds on His body—His nail-torn hands and pierced side.

Now they had no doubt. This was truly Jesus. They saw Him, they believed, and their fear vanished. And John says, "The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord."

This was seeing with understanding which resulted in believing. The door was still locked, the Jews still outside, but now they were secure and rejoicing in Him.

I would remind you that without seeing, believing, and rejoicing these disciples could never have been ready for the import of the message of the next verse.

"Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Was this "peace" just a tranquilizer for their fear of the Jews? No, indeed; it was a peace producing courage and a burning zeal in view of the work He was sending them to do. He had told them they were to be messengers; now He was sharply bringing them back to the realization of the grave responsibility resting upon them.

Notice that first His message of peace, then the evidences on His body indicating His power over death, all reminded them that their own gladness was not the most important thing, their own safety from the Jews not the final thing; of greatest importance was the fact that Christ was sending them in a special way to do a special work.

The verb "send" is used twice in this verse. It sounds the same but there is a vital distinction which should make a great deal of difference to us during this year as we are constantly reminded in WMC that we are sent.

The first use of this verb, "as the Father hath sent me," marks a "setting apart," or "to be sent." Christ spoke here about himself. He was the Sent One of God. This verb represents delegated authority.

But when Christ said, "So send I you," He used another verb which never refers to delegated authority

but rather to "dispatch under authority."

Literally He said to them, "As the Father hath delegated all authority to me, so now I send you under that authority, which is mine to carry out my enterprises." Then breathing on them He said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit," thus promising the soon coming of the Spirit of God.

What a marvelous and adequate sending that was. With the authority of God upon Him He really said, "I am sending you, but you cannot go expect in one power, that of the Holy Spirit."

Every disciple in that room could have said, "I will not go; I will not be sent." But they did not.

At the beginning of this new WMC year everyone of us has a decision to make. Will we obey when sent, or will we ignore His authority? Will we go in the power of the Holy Spirit, or will we refuse His power and trust in our own flesh?

Surely the challenge of our theme should bring us, like Isaiah, to the altar, to the cleansing power of the fiery coal upon our lives, that with every sin purged away we might be ready eagerly to answer, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

If this is our answer, then we are putting ourselves completely at the disposal of Christ with no reservations as to time, place or manner of service. Christ had prayed to His Father, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

This is the challenge of our theme. This is the scope of our sending—a scope so far reaching that not until Christ comes again will our sending be finished, our task completed.

But what, we might ask, has He sent us to do? We need only to search the Scriptures to know what God expects of us, for the parallel of responsibility in the reason for Christ's sending and ours is very striking.

In the first place, Christ was sent to glorify the Father, and even so are we sent to glorify Him. Remember how Jesus prayed, "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

The last and greatest work of Christ which brought the greatest glory to God was the giving of His own blood as the ransom price for our bodies and our souls. No wonder Paul wrote, "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Christ made both our body and our spirit and bought them both, so we must look upon our whole selves as holy to the Lord, using our bodies as property belonging to Him and sacred for His sending and service.

Secondly, Christ was sent to manifest God the Father, and we are sent to manifest Christ the Son. He said, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world." How striking then that Paul claimed to be "called by God's grace to reveal [or manifest] God's Son," that he might preach



By Mrs. Thomas Hammers

Him among the heathen.

As "Women Manifesting Christ" we are sent on a mission of revealing convincingly and without doubt the very Son of God. This is possible only by living daily in the Word of God and in constant communion with our Lord Jesus. Jesus often went up into the mountain with the thought of God the Father filling His whole being. Likewise, we must give Christ an opportunity by His Word and communion to assert himself and impress himself absorbingly upon our vision. Then we will be able to fulfill our sending.

In the third place, Christ was sent to be a servant, and even so are we sent to serve. For it was written of Him, "The Son of man came not to be waited on, but to serve"; and it was written to us, "For he that serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men."

The opportunities in WMC in this area are innumerable. There are the needs of the sick and sorrowing, open-hearted hospitality to God's servants, working with children and young people, serving in SMM, aiding our pastors and their families, ministering to missionaries, praying, teaching, and many other types of service.

And so we could go on, for there are many parallels of responsibility between us and Christ. But I would like to turn to more specific areas of service to which I believe God has chosen to send us.

As members of the Women's Missionary Council of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches we bear many vital responsibilities laid upon us by our Lord.

First and foremost, we are sent to uphold the doctrines and practices of the Holy Scriptures as believed and taught in our fellowship of churches.

We are not an independent organization but founded upon the fundamental doctrines of The Brethren Church as taught in the Word of God. We are an auxiliary and an integral part of its working and responsibility. The WMC was given birth and nurtured by our fellowship. We belong to it. Therefore as God has committed to our church certain areas of the world as our home and foreign mission fields, our institutions of learning, so these are inescapably our first responsibility in WMC.

Secondly, we are sent to the fields of the world, primarily to the seven Brethren fields of Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. God sends us to pray for our missionaries and native Christians, to give of our substance to send missionaries and help to keep them in their fields. How wonderfully God has wrought in your generous giving, and for this we truly praise Him.

Now the challenge is even greater with new missionaries going out, others returning to their fields, vast needs for literature on all fields, and funds needed for equipment and new areas being planned. We should thank God for the privilege of supporting God-fearing men and women as they go.

In the third place, we are sent to aid in the evangelization of our own

country. We cannot escape the fact that our nation is plunging deeper and deeper into crime, communism, race hatred, spiritual confusion, and unbelief. This mission field lies at the very doors of our homes, and we dare not ignore it. The crime rate in America is increasing 5 per cent faster than the birth rate. Can you tell where this will lead?

As never before America needs the true gospel as preached in Brethren churches. Bible classes are calling for leaders and funds to start new churches. We must answer God's call as we increase our prayer burden and giving for the work of Brethren Home Missions.

God also sends us to be soul winners in our own communities, to witness constantly to others, and to lead our own families in the ways of the Lord.

There is another area of service to which God sends everyone of us. That is in the field of Christian education. This covers the lifetime of every individual. It involves the training of the entire family in Brethren Sunday schools, various opportunities for the young people of our churches, and the support with our gifts, our prayers, and our youth of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.

We are encouraged to know that this year WMC ladies gave the largest offering for Christian education in our history. But to help to preserve the youth of our Brethren churches for the work of the Lord in home and foreign fields, we must do even more in this major offering, in special projects, in prayer, and in the giving of our own children for the work of our own denomination.

Dr. Harold Etling recently said that the most vital thing Brethren Sunday schools need from WMC ladies is our presence with our families regularly in Sunday school. Surely this is the least we can do.

God has given The Brethren Church two unique schools of higher Christian education, Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. It is a known fact that many church-related Christian colleges today are struggling to maintain their very existence against the inroads of our government, modernism and indifference to moral standards.

We must maintain our own schools with our prayers and our gifts, or the outcome is settled. Someone else will take control, as has happened to other Christian schools, and the testimony of God's Word will be removed. I pray we may realize the extent to which God sends us to the aid of our youth in Christian education. Let us work so that Brethren Sunday schools, our youth work, and Grace Schools will feel the impact of WMC this year.

God has set His seal of approval upon the work among the Jewish people in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. A number of years ago He burdened the hearts of WMC women to give for the support of this testimony. You have been faithful, and this year we rejoice in a Thank Offering of $6,226.60. God continues to send us to the lost sheep of Israel as plans are considered for a second such witness. Let us pray earnestly that workers will volunteer, and let us again respond generously with our gifts.

God also sends us to the women of our churches and communities by means of each local WMC. It is our task to reach every woman we can that she might be brought into a closer fellowship with Christ in WMC. And so we commit to you again the vital needs of our General and Publication Offering that WMC materials may be available to every local and district group for this purpose.

Lest some would interpret this emphasis upon the ministries of our own denomination as narrow and unqualified, I would hasten to say that this is not meant to exclude what God may send you to do in other areas. However, our first responsibility as women receiving the benefits of a church which stands without compromise upon the infallible Word of God is to place the works of our own denomination first on our list for prayer, projects, and gifts.

We are the women of The Brethren Church, more than 4,000 of us, and God sends us to do the work of women in our church and wherever else He reveals His will for us to go.

Recently I heard Rev. John Zielasko say, "Never underestimate the power of a woman." Then he proceeded to tell of the amazing turn of events in Brazil against the communists when the women took up their telephones and began their campaign under the slogan: "The March of the Family for God and the Country."

I would like to say to you, never underestimate the power of women sent under the power of the Spirit of God.

Can you not envision the tremendous impact we can make for Christ? We are the women in Brethren homes. We are the mothers of Brethren families. I believe God is sending us by the power of the Spirit of God under a similar slogan, "The March of Brethren Families for Christ and the Church."

There is no future for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches or the Women's Missionary Council if we do not take our families with us as we respond to God's sending. The sands of time stream swiftly through the hourglass, and soon all opportunities will be past.

Never have the challenge and burden been so great for our country in Brethren Home Missions.

Never have the needs been so desperate for Grace Schools and our youth work.

Never has each hour been so weighted with urgency on the foreign fields.

Never has Israel's necessity for the Messiah been more vital.

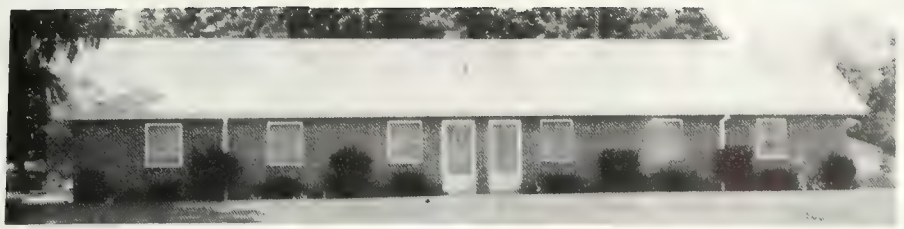
Never has our beloved church had more critical need of our loyalty and devoted service.

The new year is before us. May God help each one of us to respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me." ▼

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At right: Philathea House for retired missionaries



"The Philathea House Is a Blessing"

(Second in a series of messages to WMC from our retired missionaries)



MY HOME—By Miss Grace Byron

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, my dear WMC sisters, for your loving thoughtfulness in providing Philathea House and all of its furnishings and upkeep.

The location of the home is excellent, for living at Winona Lake is a great blessing as it is the center of so many activities and is near the church headquarters, the seminary and the college. In fact, it is on the college and seminary campus, which gives us the status of Suffermores—but really, we do not suffer very much! The Lord is very good to us. We have the privilege of attending many inspiring meetings. National conference is held at Winona Lake four years out of five, and I have the privilege of attending; this gives me opportunity to renew friendships and to visit with the missionaries. Recently the George Cone family spent about three weeks at Philathea House, and Miss Geske, Miss Thurston, and Mrs. Kennedy also spent some time with us. I had a great time catching up on mission news.

Philathea House is a real home. There are four apartments, two on the north end of the building and two on the south end. There is a space between; the east half is two guest rooms, and the west half is the utility room. We appreciate the automatic washer and drier. A friend leaving town gave us a deep freeze that has four divisions. The four of us are all good friends and neighbors and can borrow a cup of sugar if necessary.

My apartment is on the northwest corner. There is a sidewalk in front that runs from Kings Highway to the seminary building, which is very convenient. Why not come in and take a good look at my apartment? As you enter, the first thing to confront you is a divider covered with African curios. At the base is a glass-topped table displaying African village life. On the picture window sill are some African violets in bloom, reminding us that our African Christians are growing in grace and need the watering of the Word and the help of the missionaries to build a strong African church. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9: 37-38). The challenge is tremendous, the door wide open.

Back of the divider are the kitchen unit and cupboards. I will put on the kettle and we will have a snack at the table. The refrigerator is at my elbow.

This door leads into the bedroom, so we will take a look at it with its roomy clothes closet and the furnishings. Here is the door into the hall that connects two apartments, and just inside is the door into the utility room. The linen closet in the hall is shared by my closest neighbor, Miss Bickel; the door to her apartment is at the end of the hall. The bathrooms are just off the hall.

I would love to have you stop in sometime and make this visit real.

God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think (Eph. 3:20). I praise Him for Philathea House and thank each one of you for your part in making it a real home and a haven of rest. ▼

WMC HOME MISSIONS OFFERING
SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER
FOR THREE LADY MISSIONARIES TO THE NAVAJOS

National WMC Objectives and Recommendations

WMC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1966-1967

We Recommend:

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.

2. That the secretary of each local council keep the membership cards and be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council.

3. That officers in the local council be elected and begin planning in June, be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1966, through June, 1967.

4. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to assist willingly in Sunday school, VBS, children's Bible classes, Active Christian Teens (Brethren Youth Fellowship), and other church-sponsored youth activities.

5. That the women in each council continue to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve as a patroness or in any other capacity.

6. That the women of each council read and use the Pen Pointers. We suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More Pen Pointers may be obtained from the National WMC literature secretary, Mrs. Elmer Tamkin, Box 775, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

7. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

8. That we send good, usable clothing to the following missions (each local council be responsible for entire expense):

Navajo Indian Mission—Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Parcel Post—Mr. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018. (Use of freight not recommended.)

Taos, New Mexico—Adult and children's clothing. Parcel post—Mr. William Stevens, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. Express—Mr. William Stevens, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dryhill, Kentucky—Parcel Post—Marvin E. Lowery, Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky.

Clayhole, Kentucky—Parcel Post—Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Kentucky. Express—Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Jackson, Kentucky.

9. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

10. That all local and district councils use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

11. That each council purchase and read the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

1. *Monganga Paul,* by Lois Carlson
2. *Homefront of Jewish Missions,* by Albert Huisjen
3. *Springboard to Discovery,* by Mary Lou Lacy

WMC OBJECTIVES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1966-1967

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First choice: The entire Bible in 1966-1967. Send to the American Bible Society or Moody Bible Institute for Bible reading charts.

Second choice: The Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions," using both the Scripture passages and the meditation.

Third choice: Regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

a. That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination.

b. That each council encourage each woman to be a prayer warrior for a daily time of prayer.

4. SOUL-WINNING

a. Our goal—every WMC member a witness and a soul winner with the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved, via children's Bible classes, VBS, Sunday school, SMM, etc.

b. Cooperate with or sponsor a monthly visitation and tract distribution program, with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used.

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.

6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and be represented at the rallies.

7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

Please send all money to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet.

a. September, October, November—Home Missions. Support of three lady missionaries to the Navajos. Send before December 10. $3,900.

b. December, January, February—Christian Education. One-half to Grace Seminary and College for new library building fund. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for dictation equipment, electric typewriter, overhead projector. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council

for Teens into Missionary Endeavor. Send before March 10. $3,900.

c. March, April, May—Foreign Missions. Literature for all foreign fields. Send before June 10. $3,900.

d. June, July, August—General and Publication Fund. Send before September 10. $3,900.

e. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send any time before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering. (Secure free banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council.)

f. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1966-1967 are:

Mrs. Robert Cover—Argentina
Mrs. Martin Garber—Africa
Miss Barbara Hulse—Brazil
Mrs. Don Miller—Africa
Miss Marian Thurston—Africa

WMC DISTRICT OBJECTIVES 1966-1967

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

3. Each district will sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Placeway, 540 Randall Road, Elyria, Ohio 44038, to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

4. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer.

5. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the foreign missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National WMC financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the need.

6. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.

7. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

8. Every district is to be represented on the national boards at national conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

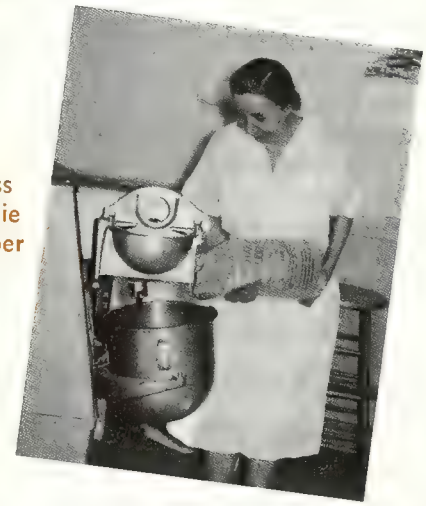
9. A four-minute written achievement report is to be given by the district president at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for writing the report.

10. SMM will be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

National WMC Conference Votes To Support Three Navajo Missionaries



Mrs. Betty Masimer



Miss Angie Garber



Mrs. Pauline Swartzwalder

God's Word, My Guide



By Becky Mohler

Grafton, West Virginia

Hi, girls!

I'm an SMM girl too. When I am asked how God's Word has been a guide to me, I could answer in so many different ways. If we let God completely take charge of our lives, He will be a loving, close guide and friend to us. Being a P.K. (preacher's kid) has been quite a help to me in growing in the knowledge of God's Word. I'm thankful for Christian parents. Some of my friends and acquaintances are not as fortunate as I. Having the Word in my heart has helped in many ways, but I'll only tell you a few. During my high school days and these two years in college, my experiences at times were trying but terrific.

While we are living for Christ, let us not be defeated. Many times I have been given excuses when I asked my friends to go to BYF, church, or SMM. I've become accustomed to the excuses, and I now am thankful that God was close and I was not defeated. Many of the kids who had excuses and didn't care for eternal things, now love Christ. Girl friends, boy friends, and some older friends have thanked me for being persistent. This is a reward and joy I would not have if I had only talked to them once or twice. Thank God for the opportunities He gave me to talk with them. Remember what we are told in I Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

God has given me opportunities to witness in college. Since I was in a non-Christan college the past two years, there were many activities I could not attend. For a while, some thought it strange, but I'm sure they were glad that I stood for my convictions. Romans 12:2 reminds us: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

My speech teacher wanted to know why I seemed so concerned for people I hardly knew. I told her that many are walking in darkness. Many don't even care. Girls, if you have friends for whom you aren't concerned, become concerned for them.

Two years ago I had a great concern for a young fellow. My concern grew and grew. Finally, he took Christ as Saviour, and we became very good friends. I often think that if I hadn't been concerned for this fellow's soul, I might never have had the opportunity to have such a good Christian friend as I have now and he might never have known the Lord.

The Bible tells us if we are obedient to the Lord, many will be saved because of our testimony. Witnessing by word of mouth is good, but remember that actions are sometimes a greater witness. ▼

SMM editor's note: The theme for SMM for the new year is "God's Word, My Guide." Becky's mother, Mrs. Paul Mohler, was chairman of the program committee for this year's programs. It is quite fitting to have Becky's testimony as to how God's Word has guided her.

PROJECT REPORT OF SMM MARTHA GOAL NO. 1

Dear SMM girls,

Here is the project report of Martha Goal No. 1. Last year's vice-president, Sharon Haag, compiled the report from the information sent to her.

INDIANA

Berne Junior, Middler, Senior:
72 Wordless books—Argentina
60 Pictures—Brazil
1 Pair slippers, 3 tea towels, 1 bean bag—Puerto Rico
1 Child's dress—New Mexico

Osceola Middler:
13 Baby blankets—Navajos
14 Bars soap—Mexico
8 Scissors, 7 boxes crayons, 10 pictures—Brazil

Warsaw Junior:
Stamps—Hawaii
Soap—Mexico
Quilt blocks—New Mexico

Winona Lake Middler, Senior:
Stamps—Hawaii
Quilt blocks—New Mexico
25 Wordless books, 62 pictures (for framing)—Argentina
50 Pictures—Brazil
1 Baby blanket—Navajos

OHIO

Akron Junior:
107 Pictures—Brazil
10 Bars soap—Mexico
35 Pictures, 136 quilt blocks, 29 spools thread—New Mexico
22 Pot holders—Puerto Rico

Ankenytown Little Sisters, Junior, Middler:
25 Cloth books—Nursery and hospital
99 Wordless books—Argentina
13 Baby blankets—Navajos

Ashland:
8 Wordless books—Argentina
Help in church nursery

Cleveland:
Awards—Brazil

Dayton Middler:
Layettes (6 kimonas, 6 sacques, 6 diapers)—Navajos

Fremont Senior:
Quilt blocks—New Mexico

West Homerville Senior:
20 Decorated bars soap—Mexico

PENNSYLVANIA

Altoona Little Sisters, Middler, Senior:
97 Gift packs (made with cards containing comb, pen, etc.), personal gifts for missionary girls, 28 pairs slippers—Puerto Rico
100 Cards, 125 pictures—Brazil
40 Ribbon awards—Argentina

Johnstown Junior:
120 Pictures—Brazil
45 Wordless books—Argentina
50 Books for missionary children, 26 bars soap—Mexico
Baby clothing—Navajos
Baby clothing, 15 spools thread—New Mexico
192 Book markers, 100 gift packs, 50 handkerchiefs—Puerto Rico

Kittanning Middler:
240 Gift packs—Puerto Rico
129 Wordless books, 26 pictures (for framing, Hoyts)—Argentina
141 Pictures—Brazil
17 Baby blankets—Navajos
Stamps—Hawaii
Quilt blocks—New Mexico
Soap—Mexico

Leamersville Senior:
10 Pairs scissors, 200 pictures—Brazil
25 Wordless books, 100 ribbon badges, 10 booklets of Sunday-school papers, 50 pictures—Argentina
475 Stamps—Hawaii
6 Baby blankets, 15 baby quilts—Navajos
35 Pictures, quilt blocks (4 quilts)—New Mexico
8 Aprons, 13 pot holders, 12 handkerchiefs, 2 sewing kits, 10 pairs slippers, 6 stuffed toys, 4 pairs pillow cases, 5 award ribbons, 4 gift packs—Puerto Rico
10 Bars soap—Mexico

Listie Middler, Senior:
Aprons, baby clothes, pictures, quilt blocks, spools of thread—New Mexico

Mundy's Corner Junior, Senior:
13 Gift packs, 4 pot holders—Puerto Rico
7 Baby blankets—Navajos
10 Pairs slippers, stuffed toys, aprons—Kentucky

Waynesboro Senior:
11 Baby blankets—Navajo
Pictures—Brazil

VIRGINIA

Roanoke Little Sisters:
4 Boxes crayons, 1 pair scissors, 31 awards—Brazil
15 Gift packs—Puerto Rico

Winchester Little Sisters, Junior:
Pictures—Brazil
Gift packs—Puerto Rico

WEST VIRGINIA

Grafton:
Stamps—Hawaii
Aprons, quilt blocks—New Mexico
Soap—Mexico

In Appreciation

The SMM would like to thank Mrs. Robert Wise, of Rittman, Ohio, who has been the national assistant patroness for the past few years. She has devoted much time and work to SMM, maintaining a Christian testimony for her Lord. We have enjoyed working with her and appreciate her services given in her time of office.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Africa—

Karen Elizabeth Ball December 1, 1960
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Mary Cripe December 5
Medical Center, Boguila, B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Joyce Louise Garber December 16, 1964
Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

John Paul Garber December 16, 1964
Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Donald F. Miller December 27
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Robert James Cover, Jr. December 9, 1959
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. E. N. Fay December 15
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

David Merritt Marshall December 17, 1954
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Rev. Ralph R. Schwartz December 14
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Stanley Craig Miller December 29, 1954
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Hawaii—

Mr. Foster Tresise December 14
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786

Mexico—

Rev. Walter Haag December 4
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Puerto Rico—

Rev. James Dickson December 6
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919

In the United States—

Miss Johanna Nielsen December 3
1819 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California 90806

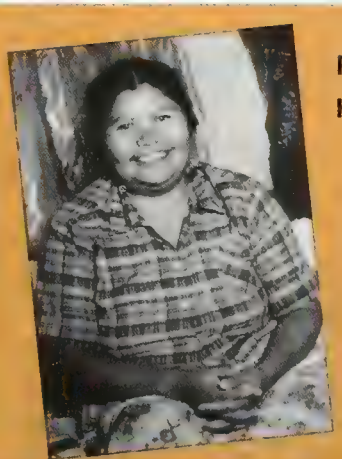
Miss Mary Emmert December 4
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Thomas George Hocking December 15, 1959
650 Junipero, Long Beach, California 90814

Margaret Loree Churchill December 20, 1952
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Mrs. Clark W. Miller December 25
c/o W. E. Bearinger, Zullinger, Pennsylvania 17272

Miss Mary Ann Habegger December 29
517 W. Main Street, Berne, Indiana 46711



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CHURCH NEWS

LONG BEACH, CALIF. On July 17 a farewell service was held for Jim and Sylvia Boyd, of the Los Altos Brethren Church, who left the end of July for short-term service as missionaries in the Ivory Coast. Sylvia is serving as a teacher for missionary children, and Jim is maintenance engineer, installing audio equipment. In July, Pastor and Mrs. Harold Penrose were surprised with a down-payment check for a car of their choice for vacation purposes. During the absence of the pastor at national conference, Rev. Curtis Mitchell was guest speaker. The new educational unit, for which ground was broken July 1, is progressing well.

CANTON, OHIO. A welcoming covered-dish dinner and a shower for new pastor James Kennedy and his family were held at the Grace Brethren Church on Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, with 110 attending. Many beautiful gifts and numerous baskets of groceries were presented to the Kennedys. A record number of young people from the church are attending Grace College this year: five girls and two fellows. Dick Guittar, also from the church, graduated from Grace last June.

FORT BRAGG, N.C. Chaplain (Capt.) James Hutchens has been assigned to the John F. Kennedy Special Forces (Green Beret) Training Center, Fort Bragg. He arrived back in the United States late in July and attended part of national conference. His slide presentation on Monday night of conference was a blessing to all. Chaplain Hutchens was written up in a special article in the *Chicago Tribune*. His new address is 28 Normandy, Hammond Hills, Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Dr. Orville Jobson, just returned from missionary service in Africa, was guest speaker for Homecoming Day services at the First Brethren Church Sept. 18. Jim Custer, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, N. Mex. 87018. Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Bess, 1904 Park Ave., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Rev. and Mrs. Francis Brill, 409 E. 35th St., Kearney, Nebr. 68847. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Clouse, Campus View House 218, Bloomington, Ind. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic. Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking, 1920 E. 5th St., Long Beach, Calif. 90812 (Tel. 436-4846). Please change *Annual*.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Dr. Charles Mayes, speaking on the challenge of Christian education, was guest speaker at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church on Sept. 11. The Christian day school of the church opened Sept. 12 for a new year. Neil Beery, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. Pastor Scott Weaver, of the Bethel Brethren Church, invited Rev. Gordon Bracker, of Elkhart, Ind., to be interim radio pastor of the daily WCMR program "Wonders of Grace" until Rev. Richard DeArmey could take over. Rev. DeArmey, the new pastor, begins his ministry in October.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. A series of evangelistic services was held at the Ankenytown First Brethren Church Sept. 25-30. Rev. Edward E. Smith was the speaker, and Larry Gegner is pastor.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. On Sept. 1 Chaplain (1st Lt.) John Talley, Jr., graduated from the U.S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn. He was recognized as the best platoon leader of the graduating class and was awarded an insignia case with the chaplain school emblem on it. Chaplain Talley has been assigned to the Signal School at Fort Gordon, and will be living at 3317 Idlewild Dr., Augusta, Ga.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Ten people were baptized on Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Good News Brethren Church. In the outdoor service held just prior to the baptismal service, one teen-age girl accepted Christ as Saviour. Some of the people of the church have moved to the Toledo-Maumee (Ohio) area and are interested in starting some Brethren services. Anyone knowing of other Brethren people in this area is asked to contact Marion Thomas, pastor of the Bowling Green church.

MARTINSBURG, PA. The Brethren film "Dateline: Argentina" was shown Sunday evening, Sept. 4, at the First Brethren Church. While Pastor and Mrs. John Terrell were away on vacation this summer, their home was given a "new look" with plastering, painting, and carpeting.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A Bible survey course consisting of three 12-week semesters was begun in September at the First Brethren Church. A small registration fee was charged to cover the cost of textbooks and certificates. Pastor Lewis Hohenstein is the teacher of the course.

BERNE, IND. Ted Dencher, who for ten years served the Jehovah's Witnesses before turning to Christ, spoke in four services at the Bethel Brethren Church on Aug. 28. On Sept. 18 the guest speaker was Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., of Grace Seminary. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Evangelistic meetings with Rev. Dave Sproul as speaker are being held at the First Brethren Church Sept. 20 to Oct. 2. True Hunt, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Sidney, Ind.	Oct. 2-9	Rollin Sandy	John Zielasko
Troy, Ohio	Oct. 2-9	John Neely	Richard Grant
Roanoke, Va.	Oct. 2-9	Raymond Kettell	C. Ashman, Jr.
Johnstown, Pa.	Oct. 16-23	Don Rough	Wesley Haller
Sterling, Ohio	Oct. 23-30	Robert Combs	Frank Gardner
Portis, Kans.	Oct. 23-30	Clarence Lackey	Richard Grant

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Speaker in the Sunday services of the Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 4 was Ralph Wiley, chaplain of the Marion (Ohio) Correctional Institution, and a member of the Galion, Ohio, Brethren . church. Mansfield Christian School opened its doors the beginning of September with 192 students and two new teachers. The school, now in its sixth year of operation, offers kindergarten through the ninth grade. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Miss Alberta Hanson has resigned her position at the North Long Beach Brethren Church to accept a position as director of Christian education at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. A farewell fellowship hour was held Sept. 11 in her honor. George Peek, pastor.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT. There were 14 first-time decisions for Christ at Camp Tuk-A-Way, the district youth camp, in two weeks this summer, and over 110 rededications of life.

ELKHART, IND. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church have authorized their trustees to purchase a lot adjoining the church property, as soon as $1,500 has been given or promised. This area will be used for the future new parsonage and will also allow for some church expansion. Gordon Bracker, pastor.



ROANOKE, VA. Members of the Washington Heights Brethren Church surprised outgoing pastor Wendell Kent and family on their last Sunday by presenting them with a lovely coffee set and chafing dish. The Kents concluded their four-year ministry here on August 28 and began a new ministry Sept. 4 at Waynesboro, Pa. Dayton Cundiff is the new pastor here.

PORTLAND, OREG. A Grace Seminary professor, Dr. John Whitcomb, spoke at the Grace Brethren Church Sept. 28. William H. Schaffer is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The new Christian education annex of the First Brethren Church was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 18. The dedication service was held in the morning as an extension of the morning worship service, and in the afternoon there was an open house with a fellowship time and refreshments. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. In honor of the silver wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Henry Dalke, of the Grace Brethren Church, their children held a reception for them at the church on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Speaker in the services of the First Brethren Church Aug. 21 was Dr. Lloyd Fish. Rev. E. C. McCully spoke in the morning service the previous Sunday. Charles Thornton, pastor.

TROTWOOD, OHIO. The film "Centerville Awakening" was shown at the Grace Brethren Church Aug. 14. Charles Lawson is pastor.

LANSING, MICH. An outdoor film festival was conducted by the Grace Brethren Church in September, with one film shown each Sunday night of the month following the evening service. The four films used were "World Fair Encounter," "The Paul Carlson Story," "The Tony Fontane Story," and "The Gospel Blimp." Randall Poyner, pastor.

SELLERSBURG, IND. The members of the Grace Brethren Church have been becoming acquainted with our Brethren missionaries, studying two of them a week in the midweek prayer service. Using materials supplied by the Foreign Mission Society, the pastor's wife is making large outline maps of the countries in which our church is working and then pasting the pictures of the various missionaries on the proper country. Glenn Coats, pastor, wrote about the first session: "We never got to our Bible study. We spent about 40 minutes discussing missions, the fields, the workers, and so on. . . ."

NOTICE: A number of persons have inquired about extra copies of the teacher's quarterly for the special prophecy series of lessons just concluded in adult classes. This quarterly, written by Dr. James L. Boyer, is available in undated form and may be ordered from the Missionary Herald. They are priced at $1.00 each, postage paid.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. Wendell England is the new pastor of the First Brethren Church. Originally from Arizona, he and his wife are more recently from Winona Lake, Ind., where he was enrolled in Grace Seminary. He began his new ministry Sept. 18.

HOLLINS, VA. One first-time decision for Christ and 12 rededications of life resulted from a series of revival meetings held at the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church in September. Evangelist Ron Thompson was the speaker. Bill Byers, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Marlys Lortz and Larry Carlin, Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa.

Marilyn Lucille Martin and Robert Dodds Hoffstot, Aug. 26, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Marita Jabs and David Frick, Sept. 3, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Janelle Burleson and Mark White, Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa.

Anna Bowser and Dan Leek, Sept. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Linda Horn and Larry Pfahler, Sept. 3, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Freda Hines and James Lortz, Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa.

PROPHETIC LIGHT FOR TODAY . . .

The USSR and the USA

One of the most common statements in prophetic truth is found in our Lord's explanation concerning the end of the age: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

One Hundred Forty-nine Million

It is no wonder that the men of the world, who do not know the blessed hope, shake with fear when they read such news reports as the following: "Our U.S. officials insist that we realize that our penetration aids, apparently highly technical electronic and computer-directed guided missiles, will survive and get through to destroy Russia; *but what about our population?* You had better be ready to meet your maker, for Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, in testimony before the House Armed Services Committee as of February 1965, stated, 'The United States should be prepared for 149 megadeaths.' *This means 149 million deaths* as a result of the anticipated 'sneak' attack! Nobody knows at what moment it will happen, for it will come without warning."

Much Talk

There is much idle talk concerning our enemy, Russia. While pretending to remain friendly, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. have been spying and counterspying on each other ever since World War II. We pretend to cooperate in the conquest of space, while communism boasts it will conquer and bury us within a decade. It seems sensible to suppose that any surprise attack of our enemy would be accompanied by a retaliation on the part of the U.S.A., and perhaps the West in general, of such magnitude that Russia would be reduced to a poverty-stricken conqueror, a victim for some other would-be figure. Concerning the evaluation of these things, we can only let the speculators speculate.

The Bible Revelation

The Bible gives a careful description of the destruction of the King of the North, who might be described as "Rosh." This destruction is of a different nature than what might be seen in a war between the U.S.A and the U.S.S.R.

For one thing, Russia's doom will come as a result of a conflict in the land of Israel. "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee" (Ezek. 38:8-9).

Second, Russia's attack, apparently not directed against the West, will be against "the land of unwalled villages," a name for Israel as is made clear in Ezekiel 38:14-18.

Third, Russia will be opposed by certain nations, seemingly the West, described in Ezekiel 38:13.

And fourth, Russia will be a guard or a command over certain other nations, one of which appears to be the Arab block.

The Arab World

It is already a fact that the Palestine Liberation Army has been reported to face a "fight to the death" to liberate Palestine and restore it to its "rightful owners." It is reported the headquarters of this liberation army is now in Cairo.

Concerning This Past Summer

A news item from Damascus, dated July 14, 1966, states: "Syria today claimed two Israeli Mirage fighters were shot down in a 50-minute aerial clash over the Sea of Galilee. An army spokesman said here a Syrian MIG was hit during the clash but the pilot bailed out safely inside Syrian territory. The battle started, the spokesman added, when two Israeli planes raided along the Syrian-Israeli frontier in the area of Arab operations to divert Jordan River tributaries—a plan designed by Arab countries to counter Israel's tapping of the Jordan waters to reclaim the Negev Desert. . . ."

So the Russians and the Arab world are getting together with a common purpose which is not new to Bible believers. The Arabs are determined to push Israel off into the Mediterranean Sea. The Russians are willing to help. But Israel will not be permanently defeated. God has a future work for Israel. But even the uniting of the resources of the Arabs and Russians is doomed to failure. The question is not, "Will Russia be defeated?" but "When will it happen?"

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). ▼

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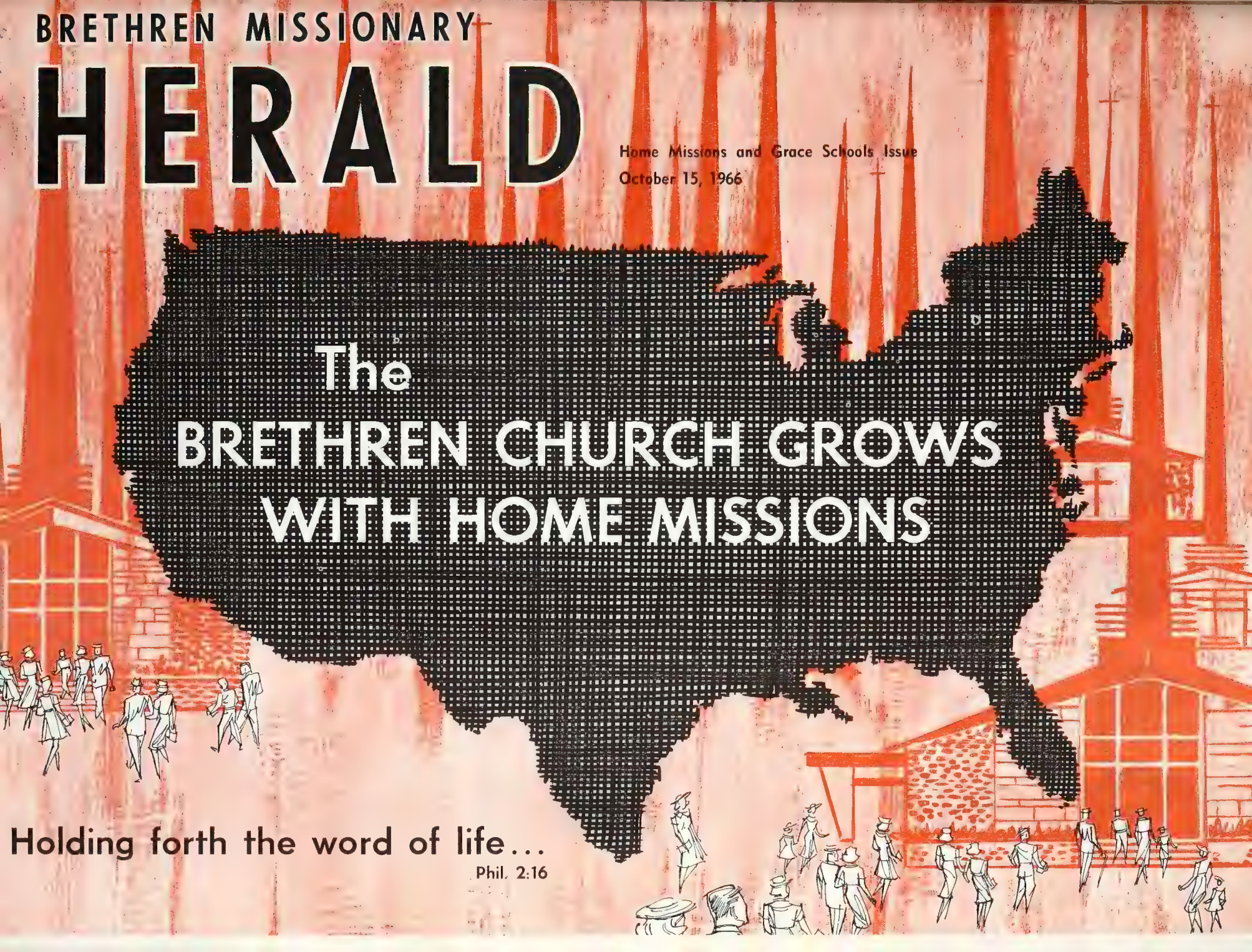
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Holding forth the word of life...
Phil. 2:16



BY LESTER E. PIFER

A Qualified Home Missionary—a Vital Necessity

Missionary personnel is one of the vital links in any successful missionary venture. The importance of this aspect is seen in the purpose for which the work is undertaken, the field to be reached, the people involved, the goal, and the support to establish the ministry.

The American mission field is unlimited. The evangelization of new areas and the establishment of a new church is a specialized science. The opportunity to build a conservative, Bible-believing church at this point, with the trends in the modern church, is an excellent one. Today, as not in the past, people are disgusted with an idealism which has no real foundation, truth which has no Biblical basis, a religion with no dynamic or power to overcome sin. In this scientific age of education, progress, and development the Brethren home missionary has his golden opportunity to build a church with a lasting testimony for Christ.

Christian Experience

The salvation of the missionary is an absolute necessity (I Tim. 1:11-15). The young missionary couple arriving at the new field must know what the Bible teaches about the new birth, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, the cleansing and justification work of the blood of Christ, and the resulting relationship with God in His family. This knowledge must have come by insight into the Word of God and by practical experience in the life.

America is a needy mission field. Sin is in evidence everywhere. Crime rates continue to spiral upwards. Sex and immorality are becoming more widely publicized and accepted every day. Apostasy is seen in the attendance, doctrine, and purpose of the average church. New families created by a rapid population increase are seeking truth, facts and reality in Christianity. They want an experience that will be rewarding, that will bring about a change in attitude toward sin, and they crave for the joy of fellowship with God's children.

The home missionary must be able to display the fruits of a new life in Christ (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:22-23). He must be ready to deal with the young couple next door who, because of a series of circumstances, are brought by the Spirit of God under conviction and prepared for the new birth. The missionary couple's joy of salvation, their Christian experience, and their prayer life must be so dynamic that they will place their confidence and faith in God, expecting and anticipating that He will accomplish His work in spite of the discouragements, disappointments, and whatever else may come.

Education

Knowledge of the Word of God, of human nature and its relationships, and of methods and procedures in church building, Sunday school, and organizations will be of inestimable value. We live in a modern age of educated people. It is not an uncommon thing to have a high percentage of a new mission church's constituents as college graduates, teachers, engineers, and professional business people. Higher education on the college level and specialized training on the seminary level are a tremendous help in equipping the missionary for a lasting and fruitful ministry among such people.

Wisdom, directed by the Spirit of God, in the use of previous training, the application of our knowledge to the lives of our people, is another priceless virtue. A man may have the finest training available, but if it is not directed by the Spirit and properly used in working with people, his ministry may be ineffective. His ability to get along with all kinds of personalities, to use all the talents and capabilities of his people, and to direct these assets in a constructive way is a vital factor in building a church. Continued discipline in personal study of the Word of God (II Tim. 2:15; 4:1-5) and in the application of all facets of his previous training will build for the man of God a Bible-teaching and -preaching ministry.

Practical

Brethren home missionaries must be soul winners, able to build congregations that know the joy of salvation and live exemplary testimonies before others. The home-mission pastor must stimulate faith and trust in God, belief and faith in prayer, and growth in all aspects of the Christian life. He is building a church by building new lives in Jesus Christ.

Building and trade experience are good aids to a pastor's understanding of the needs of his people, his church and Sunday-school organization, and his church building program. Good judgment in the practical application of all his knowledge, training, and experience is another excellent trait. Willingness to learn new methods and procedures, accept direction, and seek the help of others will further equip the man of God in his missionary task.

Support

Your home missionaries have been carefully called and

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Is Vital Growth Really Coming?

The Brethren Church Grows with Home Missions

During 1965 the number of churches having been directly assisted by the Brethren Home Missions Council reached 104. Many of these churches were brought through all the stages of development of the home-mission church, including the building program.

A Service Organization

A much larger figure would give the number of churches assisted by administrative office in organization, locating church sites, procuring pastors, places for building programs, use of the construction crew, and financial assistance in loans through the Brethren Investment Foundation. Brethren Home Missions is a service organization to help any church whenever this is possible.

Self-supporting Churches

Since the 1965 conference nine home-mission churches have become self-supporting: Fort Wayne and Goshen, Indiana; Grandview, Washington; Hatboro, Pennsylvania; Margate and Pompano Beach, Florida; San Jose, California; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Wheaton, Illinois. All of these churches have new buildings.

New Fields Added

Nine new fields have been added to the roster of home-mission points during the last year. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Woodbridge, Virginia, are Bible classes awaiting the call of a pastor to be underwritten financially by four eastern district mission boards. Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, California, are Bible classes awaiting the call of a pastor as the Lord may lead. Richland, Washington, has just received a new pastor, Rev. Nelson Hall, who will serve this year as a self-supporting missionary. Richmond, Virginia; New Holland, Pennsylvania; Lexington, Ohio; and Minerva, Ohio, have just obtained pastors during this year. Financial support is being given in varied amounts to these new fields, with district mission boards and local churches carrying the larger share of the financial load.

New Building Programs

The Brethren Home Missions Council used for the first time in its history one of the new plastic air domes at Bothell, Washington. The temporary structure, an inflated building, can be moved at a minimum of cost.

The Brethren Construction Crew finished the beautiful new edifice at Galion, Ohio, in April. The building, designed by the Architectural Department, was financed through the Brethren Investment Foundation. The crew is now putting the finishing touches to a spacious, colonial-style building at Columbus, Ohio, in the Worthington area. Hagerstown, Maryland; Kokomo, Indiana; and Winona, Minnesota, are in process of building additions. Davenport, Iowa, has an addition planned which should begin in the near future. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, is paying off its property, has plans ready, and is awaiting the Brethren Construction Crew.

New Building Sites

Kent, Washington, has a beautiful new site in a fine residential area and is rapidly working on its property indebtedness as plans are developed for a new building. Lexington, Ohio, has its 1.9-acre site. Orlando, Florida, has purchased four acres. Sacramento, California, is facing major site costs in a new area there. Property there runs $17,000 an acre and up.

New Churches Organized

Indianapolis, Indiana; Lexington and Minerva, Ohio; New Holland, Pennsylvania; and Woodbridge, Virginia, were all organized during this year. During the last year Defiance, Ohio, was organized, chose its property, and finished a fine building program under the leadership of the Home Missions Council, having received no financial aid. The new churches at Sinking Spring, Ohio, and Penn Valley and Telford, Pennsylvania, have been assisted in getting organized, finding property, and getting under way with their works. Here again no home-mission financial aid was needed for these churches to develop.

Several new fields are on the horizon. In Kentucky, Louisville is already under way. In Florida we are to meet with two new groups in December. We are eager to see new churches begun in some of the states where no churches of our fellowship exist. Pray for God's direction, for laborers for these harvest fields, and for missionary funds to meet these new challenges. The Brethren Church is growing—growing with home missions!—*L.E.P.* ▼

motivated by the Spirit of God. They are God's children who have been assigned to specific sectors of God's mission field. In dependence upon God they are laying the foundation, building the superstructure, and placing in operation all that we understand that God desires in His church on earth. Upon their dedication hangs a heavy and grave responsibility in God's program of evangelization of our nation. The measure of success may be determined in part by our cooperation, encouragement, and prayer support.

We cannot build good Brethren churches without good Brethren missionaries. We cannot place missionaries in new fields and sustain those already there without the support of Brethren people. We cannot expect young missionaries to place their lives, talents and strength upon God's altar of service in Brethren Home Missions unless God's people will stand with them in prayer and pledge of faithful support in a financial way. Make your weekly gifts to the Brethren Home Missions offering a prayerful investment in this vital ministry. ▼

The Brethren Church Growing With Brethren Home Missions

NEW POINTS



LEXINGTON, OHIO

A new Bible class started August 28, 1966 by Rev. William Gardner.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA



NEW HOLLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

A new Bible class started June, 1966.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA



MINERVA, OHIO



WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

A new Bible class started June, 1966.

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

A Bible class started by Rev. Nelson Hall in February, 1966.

RICHLAND, WASHINGTON



BOTHELL, WASHINGTON

NEW BUILDING PROGRAMS

NEW CHURCH DEDICATIONS



WINONA, MINNESOTA



KOKOMO, INDIANA



COLUMBUS, OHIO



HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND



GALION, OHIO



DAVENPORT, IOWA

Grace Brethren Church
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Grace Brethren Church
GOSHEN, INDIANA

Suburban Brethren Church
HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

SELF-SUPPORTING



ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Grace Brethren Church
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

First Brethren Church
GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON

Wheaton Grace Brethren Church
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

SELF-SUPPORTING

NEW SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Grace Brethren Church
MARGATE, FLORIDA

Grace Brethren Church
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

Grace Brethren Church
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

SELF-SUPPORTING

HOME MISSIONS: A VITAL MINISTRY



Jesse Book and his family have just moved into their new split level home on Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Their experience was typical of hundreds of families who have found their way to a home-mission church.

When they walked inside the lovely church, they were greeted warmly and an usher took Billy, their six-year-old, to the first-grade class. The Sunday-school teacher, Mrs. Kepiro, made Billy feel right at home. His class, like the others, was kept small for the sake of personal contact, with a very personal message about Jesus Christ.

The greeter explained to Mr. and Mrs. Book that the Sunday morning Bible institute was just about to begin. There were several classes from which they could choose: Doctrine, Hebrew, History, Book Studies, Brethren Beliefs and Practices, and Teen Problems. The class on teen problems—an adult Sunday-school class—seemed to meet their need, for their daughter, Jane, would not come to Sunday school because she said she did not know anyone. Mr. and Mrs. Book had desired answers to the problems of raising teen-agers.

They were placed in a small Sunday school class of about 20 adults all interested in the same thing: how to be better parents to their teens. They liked the idea that they would be together. Mrs. Book, who had just had her 39th birthday, was also happy that no prying Sunday-school secretary tried to find out her age and place her in the "over forty class."

It was not long before Mrs. Book realized that the Bible did have something to say about raising teens. The class discussion was lively, and centered itself around the Bible. At first they were surprised when they heard the teacher refer to a test given in Sunday school; "But after all," they reasoned, "if we took an adult evening course at high school we would be expected to put down on paper the things we had learned." They were happy to learn that the Bible was studied on such a high level.

They had hoped to stay for church, but Billy had a hard time sitting through two services. However, the Sunday school classes gathered together for closing, and before they knew it they were ushered right into the morning worship service by the singing of the Doxology. Billy was having the time of his life, for from Sunday school he went right into Junior Church, and Miss Clift had asked him to be an usher.

As Mr. and Mrs. Book left the church, they could not help but feel the warmth of the people. They were made to feel that someone cared about them. They talked about Sunday evening service on the way home in the car—that is, between Billy's enthusiastic comments about all that he had done. To think that he was asked to be an usher!



By Mrs. William Tweeddale

After a few more Sundays of coming to Sunday school and church, the Books decided to try the Sunday evening service. Jane had been asked at school by one of the teens to attend A.C.T. (Active Christian Teens), which she did gladly because she was just beginning to feel part of her new neighborhood. Jane especially enjoyed the Sunday evening service, because there were so many teens who were interested in the "something more" in life than she found among the high school crowd.

The testimony time meant something to Mr. Book, especially a testimony given about the Lord's help to a fellow in his business. As a businessman he had to know that life was directed by someone other than Wall Street. It made him stop and think about his own spiritual needs. Many of the testimonies that evening touched his heart.

Then Billy told his mother about Wednesday night and that he could attend "Jets" and in another two years could become part of Stockade, also meeting on Wednesday night. Mrs. Book thought it was a good idea, but she did not want Billy to go out alone at night. But when they learned that there was an activity for every member of the family, they decided to enjoy the night out as a family. The church conducts a nursery, a Jets program where Moody film strips are shown to the children, Stockade, SMM, Prep Time, and for the adults an intensive Bible study from the Scofield correspondence course.

It was after the evening service one night that Mrs. Book found out that 21 babies had been born the year before into the church family, and that each new mother was presented with a rosebud from the Women's Missionary Council. She was surprised to know that most Brethren home-mission churches are made up of young couples who have just found the Lord as Saviour; this was new and exciting to her. Her husband later told her that he too had found out more about this new church—that it was started with just 17 people and that the Home Mis-

sions Council with Dr. Grubb and Rev. Pifer had given wise counsel when each major decision had to be made. He told her these men had dedicated their lives and talents to start new churches all over the United States just like this one.

Later that evening they were telling their neighbors about the Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, and how from this one church three other branch churches had been started in less than five years. Their neighbors decided to visit this new and different church with them the next Sunday.

One night Mrs. Book attended her first WMC meeting. The entire meeting was centered around our mission field of Hawaii. The ladies wore bright, bold shifts and some were barefoot. Beautiful flowers were everywhere. Exotic fruit was served in watermelon and cantaloupe halves. After special music, slides from the mission field in Hawaii were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Martin, who plan to be missionaries in Hawaii. It was a perfect evening with wonderful fellowship, a good way to get to know the women of the church. Mrs. Book was delighted.

The Books learned more about the Lord Jesus Christ; in fact, it was during a visit from the pastor that Mrs. Book made her decision for the Lord. Mr. Book rededicated his life to the Lord Jesus, having received Christ as Saviour many years before.

The Book family are happy with their new home, and even happier with their new church; but what really satisfies them is the knowledge that they are members of the body of Christ. The whole family has found a new purpose and a new joy in living, all because you prayed and gave for the work of the Brethren Home Missions Council. ▼

NEW NAVAJO MISSION ADDRESS

The Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School has a new mailing address. The address of Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico, has been changed to Counselor, New Mexico 87018, effective October 1, 1966. The many individuals and churches who correspond with the Navajo mission will want to make this correction.



LANSING, MICH. (Randall E. Poyner, pastor). The Lord has really been good to us. We had a wonderful V.B.S. in August with an average attendance of 114. New families are attending every Sunday. The last two Sundays our evening attendance was 63 and 65, and this is excellent with a morning attendance in the 80's.

KENT, WASH. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor). Since the organization of our church here in January, 1964, with 17 members, we have added 46 more. One-half of these were added by confession of faith in Christ and the other 23 came by transfer from the churches. Our property is 69 per cent paid for, and our people are excited about starting a new building program in the spring.

MAITLAND (ORLANDO), FLA. (Herman W. Koontz, pastor). We are greatly encouraged with the work here. July and August were our best months, and this is unusual. September is starting off very well. We had 26 in Sunday school last Sunday (September 11). A girl in Mrs. Koontz' class accepted Christ the first Sunday of September, and her parents are planning to join our work. Teentime was changed from Thursday to Sunday night, with seven young people present.

COLUMBUS, OHIO (David Hocking, pastor). We had a wonderful day Sunday (September 11). Our attendances were 129 in Sunday school, 206 in the morning worship service and 109 in the evening. A dentist and his family (of Greek Orthodox background) recently made decisions for salvation. The dedication date for our new church has been set for November 27, 1966.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. (Warren E. Tamkin, pastor). Our August Sunday school attendance showed a 29 per cent increase over one year ago. We hit a new record of 100 on national conference Sunday. We had 47 present for the communion service on September 14. Three persons have made decisions to join the membership here, and we had three new families visit us last Sunday (September 11). Ground was broken on October 2 for our new building.

RICHMOND, VA. (William O. Gardner, pastor). We feel the Lord has greatly blessed in the opening of the new work here on August 28, 1966. Our attendance has been good in light of starting right after conference Sunday, followed by the Labor Day weekend. The average morning worship attendance of 15 represents a total of 25 different people.

PITTSBURGH, PA. (Special). A new Bible class is meeting each Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the community room of the South Hills Village Shopping Center. The class was started September 6 and is sponsored by the East District and Allegheny District in cooperation with the Brethren Home Missions Council.

TOPPENISH, WASH. (Sam I. Horney, pastor). Last Sunday (September 11) we baptized five, bringing our membership up to 55. We have at Grace College Lavernia Schacht, Rosemary Everett, Linda Parks, Phyllis Horney, Betty Ann Schacht, and Douglas Horney. In the seminary we have Bruce Paden. (Note: This home-mission church still maintains a record for students enrolled in Grace Schools on a per capita basis.)

How To Witness to Jewish Friends

By Mrs. Bruce Button

I have been a missionary to the Jewish people in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles for some 17 years. People often approach me and tell me they would like to speak to their Jewish friends and neighbors about their Lord and Saviour, but they don't know how to go about it or what to say.

First of all, you must *love* your Jewish neighbors and friends. This means a real heart love, because they are swift to sense insincerity. Then you must show a steady concern for their salvation and for their personal problems. This makes them realize you are different from most Gentiles. It also allows them to see a little of Christ who dwells in you. Never be too busy to listen to their troubles or to help whenever possible.

Having laid such a groundwork (and it is not as easy as it sounds), you must trust the Holy Spirit to show you what to do next. Do not run ahead (again, very hard). Slow down and listen to the Spirit's leading.

Jewish people know very little about the Word of God. Most of those with whom we deal are of the modern, reformed persuasion. They have little belief in anything. Don't be afraid that your friend will know more about the Old Testament than you do. Chances are he will know so little that it will amount to almost nothing. He might not even be able to quote the Ten Commandments.

Jewish people are not looking for a personal Messiah. The modern belief is that the nation of Israel is the Messiah and fits the description given in Isaiah 53. If your friend should be looking for a personal Messiah (a few Jewish people are), he will be looking for a great leader who will make the nation of Israel the greatest nation in the world. However, most are not looking for a God-Man who comes to die for sins. Rather, they look for a man. We find many Jewish people who are willing to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but when it comes to believing He is God and came to die for their sins—there they draw the line.

We try to impress our Jewish friends with the fact that there are three types of people in the world: Jews, Gentiles, and Christians—true believers who may be Jews or Gentiles. You will find it necessary to repeat this information over and over until, perhaps a year or two later, your friend will say something that leads you to believe he has grasped a little of what you have said. Most Jews believe every Gentile is a Christian.

A Jewish person believes that if he accepts Jesus as his Messiah and Saviour, he is no longer a Jew. However, you must show him that he is really not changing in any way except to embrace true, Old Testament Judaism. It is wise, too, to show him that we Gentile Christians have accepted the teachings of a Jewish book; we believe in a Jewish Messiah; we put our faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Never try to thrust the Word of God upon a Jew who is definitely not interested. You will find that your friends and neighbors will respond, if for no other reason than to prove you are wrong.

In witnessing to Jewish people, it is difficult to remain calm and in command of the situation at all times. Their glib explanations of what Scripture passages mean, their attitude of disbelief—these things tend to disturb the believer. You must never become angry. Many times a Jewish person who is afraid you might be right uses the name of our Lord in a vain way. He may say horrible things about the One on whom we depend for salvation. Remember that he is spiritually blind and it is up to you to assist him in gaining his spiritual sight.

Jewish people like to be friendly. Invite them to have coffee with you. A lunch is also good and helps to begin a Christian witness. It is well to invite only one person at a time if you want to engage him in conversation about the Word of God. If there are more, they will tend to laugh at your efforts and disregard the discussion. It is easy to turn the conversation any way you wish by introducing something pertinent. You must be guided by the Holy Spirit in this.

I use a copy of the Jewish Old Testament in English. It can be purchased at any Jewish bookstore. It is called *The Holy Scriptures According to the Masoretic Text,* translated by Jewish authorities. It is much like the King James Version of the Old Testament except for controversial portions of Scripture such as Isaiah 9:6-7. However, it is not necessary to use controversial passages. Pursue one line of thought and stick to it. Tell your Jewish friend he is a sinner because his book, the holy Scriptures, says so. Use your Bible to prove your point. It will be denied, of course, but don't let that bother you. The Old Testament sacrifices were proof that the people believed in sin. Today the Jewish people celebrate Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement for sin. They will try to explain it away. When at a loss, always return to sin and the necessity for a blood atonement found only in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah.

Don't try to use the New Testament unless your friend has been witnessed to many times from the Old Testament.

Know when to stop. There is a point when your friend will want to escape for the time being. Try not to go beyond that point. Rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to tell you when to stop.

The most important thing of all is your life. It must mirror Christ, or your witnessing will be ineffective. That means you must present a humble, loving, kindly, helpful life at all times.

The Jewish person will not go to church. It is the duty of the Christian to be concerned for him enough to take the gospel of salvation to him. So don't be afraid to witness to your Jewish friends and neighbors. Don't forget to pray. If you pray and are faithful, God will bless you far more than you can ever imagine. ▼

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Spanish in Toppenish?

One year ago using Spanish in Toppenish, Washington, was beyond the imagination of Rev. Sam I. Horney, who had resigned after 16 years of working with the Spanish-American people in the Taos, New Mexico, valley. He was still in Taos awaiting the coming of the new pastor and anticipating a new and different ministry as pastor of an Anglo home-mission church. What a surprise!

Almost immediately upon the arrival of Pastor Horney the opportunity opened up for him to preach to a group of Spanish-speaking people —at their request. Since that day many more opportunities have opened for use of Pastor Horney's Spanish-speaking ability.

For six weeks prior to September 1 Rev. Horney preached in Spanish on a CBMC-sponsored program over stations KREW, Sunnyside, and KENE, Toppenish. At the close of this series it was made known he would continue such a broadcast if he had a sponsor. On Saturday night, September 10, a member of the Toppenish church called and said he would sponsor a Spanish gospel program for the continuation of this ministry. Here was an almost immediate answer to pastor Horney's prayer. The program will be known as "Bellas Palabras."

Now another opportunity has opened for a testimony to a number of the Spanish-speaking people in the area, estimated to number around 15,000. A class is being taught by Pastor Horney each Friday night at Crewport. This class is for the Mexican people who are applying for citizenship in the United States and need to learn to read, write, and speak English. Government textbooks are used, and included is a study of American history.

The climax of all these opportunities is the approval by the church council to use the Toppenish church for a Sunday afternoon service in Spanish to begin soon.

God makes no mistakes! Here was a man prepared to do a special job, and God transferred him to a place where his training could be utilized. This could only be of the Lord, for there was no inkling of such an opportunity for the use of Pastor Horney's Spanish in Toppenish before his arrival there.—*F.J.P.* ▼



Toppenish church spire

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CHURCH NEWS

NOTICE: The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* dated October 29, 1966, will be the *Brethren Annual.* Additional copies will be sent to those Brethren churches or organizations requesting them.

TUCSON, ARIZ. A guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 11 was Rev. Robert Thompson, western field director of Brethren Home Missions. Barbara Hulse, missionary on furlough from Brazil, is back home in Tucson, according to her pastor, Harold Painter.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. On Sunday, Sept. 18, the friends and members of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church gave a reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. John Burns' 25th wedding anniversary. A silver coffee and tea service and a gift of $150 were presented to them at the reception.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Over 60 Junior High Conquerors and Senior High BYF members of the First Brethren Church studied "A Faith To Share" at their annual youth advance, held at nearby Camp Luz Sept. 9-11. Campus Crusade workers Gordon Walker and Sharon Staiger were guest speakers along with James Renick, missionary appointee with the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. The First Brethren Churches of Compton and Bellflower have consolidated into one congregation here, and began holding combined Sunday services on Oct. 2. The Wednesday evening prayer and praise services have been held at the Bellflower location for the past three months. The congregation was denied the use of the parcel of property which they had in mind for building their new church in Downey, Calif., and investigations are under way concerning future plans for building and expansion. Edwin Cashman and Raymond Thompson, pastors.

STOYSTOWN, PA. The Reading Brethren Church held a dedication service for their new building on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25. Lester Pifer, of Brethren Home Missions, was the speaker. Leonard Bennett, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Roscoe Williams has accepted the position of minister of Christian education at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. An ordained Brethren elder, Rev. Williams has been a director of Youth for Christ Bible Clubs and assistant pastor of an independent community church for the last three



years. He has also had some experience as a missionary in Venezuela and among the American Indians. He is a graduate of Washington Bible College and Talbot Theological Seminary. A reception for Rev. and Mrs. Williams was held in the church on Sept. 18. George Peek, pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. Home and foreign missionaries were well represented at the Canon Brethren Church in August and September; guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button and daughter Diane, Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking and four boys, and Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Guerena and children. In addition, the Brethren film "Dateline: Argentina" was shown in September. Two of the church young people, Naomi and Albert Garcia, attended a Youth for Christ camp this past summer and are now helping to start a YFC club in Taos. Bill Stevens, pastor of the Taos church, reports that the paving is completed on the road leading to the mission home and that the church parking lot has been paved and enlarged. The interior of the church was recently redecorated by members and friends, with new gold drapes, new carpeting, and a new pulpit.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Revival-evangelistic services were held at the First Brethren Church Sept. 13-25 by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gray. Mrs. Gray, a soloist, also played several musical instruments. Paul Mohler, pastor.

PALMYRA, PA. During the absence of Pastor Russell Weber at national conference, speakers at the Grace Brethren Church were Rev. Emlyn Jones, Army chaplain, and Rev. Bill Boyer, a missionary appointee to Puerto Rico under the Pan American Christian Association, Inc.

DAYTON, OHIO. The North Riverdale Brethren Church enjoyed the ministry of Rev. John Zielasko on Sunday, Sept. 18, as he spoke in both the morning and evening services. Rev. Zielasko, formerly a missionary to Brazil, is now serving as administrative assistant in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society. Richard Burch, pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. Summer speakers at the Grace Brethren Church were a missionary from Bolivia, one from the Far East, a student from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a representative from the Oroville Rescue Missions. Vacation Bible School was held in July, with an average attendance of 67. In September a young man was baptized and received into

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Johnstown, Pa.	Oct. 16-23	Don Rough	Wesley Haller
Virginia Beach, Va.	Nov. 6-13	Harold Arrington	C. Ashman, Jr.
Waterloo, Iowa	Nov. 9-16	John Aeby	Robert Collitt

church membership. A number of important decisions have been made recently, and William Shelby, pastor, writes that God is working in the church.

HARRISBURG, PA. The 473rd Harrisburg Interdenominational Bible Conference was held in the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church Sept. 11-13. Teacher for the six sessions was Dr. John Hess McComb, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., Independent Presbyterian Church. In great demand as a speaker, Dr. McComb has participated in these Harrisburg conferences for the past 16 years. Earle Peer, host pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The First Brethren Church is holding Monday night training classes to study the Book of Revelation. Interest has been good. The registration fee for these classes is $2.50. Charles Turner, pastor of the church, left for a Holy Land tour Sept. 29.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Kimmel, of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21; their children honored them with an open house. Charles Mayes, pastor.

NOTICE: Sunday-school secretaries and superintendents are urged to order materials early for the January-March quarter. Heavy Christmas mail will slow delivery of lesson materials and take-home papers. Order blanks have been placed in the mail, and we urge you to fill them out and send them to the Missionary Herald Co. for prompt processing. Thank you for your patronage, which makes possible an ever-expanding literature ministry.

ELKHART, IND. Before taking steps to purchase property for future expansion, the Grace Brethren Church decided they would need faith promises amounting to $1,500; on Sept. 11 when the morning offering was totaled there were faith promises amounting to $2,549.35, plus over $630 in cash. Following the service a couple and their two children came forward to dedicate their home to the Lord. On Oct. 2 Brian and Dennis Martin, young men from the church who recently accompanied Nathan Meyer on a trip to the Holy Land, showed pictures and told of their experiences. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. An eight-pound ten-ounce boy was born to Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Bray on Sept. 12. On the 25th a reception and food shower was held for the Brays, who just recently accepted the pastorate of the Westminster Brethren Church.

MEYERSDALE, PA. An emphasis on evangelism is to mark the Sundays of October at the Meyersdale Brethren Church. Guest speakers include Dr. Harold Etling, Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, Rev. Robert Collitt, and Rev. Dean Walter. William Snell is pastor.



DAYTON, OHIO. Pictured above is the eight-foot sign made by O. E. Hacker for the tenth anniversary of the First Brethren Church. Two members of the Board of Trustees, Paul Screechfield, left, and Harold Huddleston, right, rejoice in the financial victories of the day—total offerings of $3,000, $2,000 of which was for the "Show Your Faith" expansion fund offering. This was double the goal set. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, well known for their stewardship conferences, held an evangelistic crusade at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church Oct. 2-9. There was an abundance of special music; in addition to vocal solos and duets, there were numbers with the piano, sleigh bells, accordion, and "trumpet." Robert Crees is pastor.

LANSING, MICH. On Sept. 11 there were over 225 people in attendance at an outdoor film shown at the Grace Brethren Church. At least 14 churches were represented, and one Catholic lady indicated her decision to receive Christ as Saviour. Randall Poyner, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. August speakers at the Grace Brethren Church were Rev. Merv Fishback, executive director of Arizona Bible College; Mr. Elzie Priest, a Christian businessman; Rev. Bruce Long, principal of the local Brethren day school; Rev. Carl Hodges, Truth for Youth director; and Rev. Vincent Morris, a professor at Arizona Bible College. Russell Konves, pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH. Because of poor health Rev. David Thompson has offered his resignation as pastor of the First Brethren Church. His resignation will become effective about the first of next year.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Richard Messner, director of development at Grace College, spoke in the Sept. 25 evening service of the First Brethren Church and later to the young people in a "Candlelight Hour." Alva Steffler, pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Three Sisterhood girls from the First Brethren Church have completed a major personal goal in SMM; Lois Lund and Joy Mayes have memorized the Book of Philippians, and Ann Mayes has memorized Colossians. John Mayes, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Joan Meyer and William Keane, July 23, Westerville, Ohio.

Sharon Bradrick and William Clingenpeel, Aug. 13, First Brethren Church of Ankenytown, Bellville, Ohio.

Linda Manasco and Richard Alvarez, Sept. 10, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Joyce Rippeon and Larry Flowers, Sept. 24, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Rethinking Foreign Missions

BY REV. A. B. JOHN METHUSELAH

Kakinada, Andhra, India

(Student, Grace Theological Seminary)

Missionary movements are living monuments of Christian witnessing. They are part of God's plan of salvation offered every national. The Holy Spirit challenges everyone to active participation today.

Many writers try to explain better methods for foreign missions. Usually they are foreigners writing from experience gathered outside their native land. Therefore, often their viewpoints are biased. They reflect missionary ideas developed at home. Often their good ideas are not successful in foreign cultures.

These writers seem privileged to express their own ideas, opinions and plans on a one-way street, from missionary to national worker. Result—the true national viewpoint is not diligently sought out, studied and understood, and disaster follows.

True, some nations have been greatly helped by missions. Some national churches are doing wonderfully. If they have not progressed to the point of organizing their own foreign missions, at least they engage in home missions. I worked at top level leadership in my own denomination. I was also privileged to work as home missions board secretary.

The most important motive of missions is *sharing*. Any Christian keeping quiet, not trying to spread the gospel, obviously sins. "Sharing good news" should be so forceful and compelling a motive that one would forget distance, culture and language. Forsaking all, attaching themselves to their adopted countries, some missionaries never desire to return home. They die joyfully and are buried among those sharing "their gospel."

Unfortunately other missionaries make a mistake. Terrible physical conditions in the foreign culture need correcting. Without forecasting the outcome, the missionary becomes tied up in social service. The national believer is led into the same work. The mission board becomes busy raising funds for hospitals, food, clothing and schools.

What is wrong? Such work needs to be done!

All very true. But the evangelistic missionary suffers. Nationals spurn his offer of "the gospel." "Give us medicine, food, clothes and schools like other missionaries." The national Christian must make his choice. He may have subsistance for his family and social service for others, or indirect seclusion from fellow believers (even open persecution) if he insists on sharing the gospel with his lost Indian brothers.

Meanwhile, the churches have failed to mature. Mission support has kept them dependent. Spirit-filled national leaders have not been developed by missionaries. Those that



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developed were often not wanted by the established leadership. They have had to submit to the superior ability and training of the missionary or work outside the "establishment."

Some faithful "gospeler" missionaries seeing cultural problems made a mistake. Their compassion led them to photograph many pitiful pictures. Back home these proved the horrible conditions existing on the field. Church members concluded these were typical. The result—much missionary effort directed toward the most wretched people. The gospel was seldom presented to important people, ones with the most possibilities and influence.

Other nations don't like the image presented to America by missionaries. Now permits for new missionaries are often refused. Do you like Hollywood's image of America? Do you agree with the pulp magazine image of your country? Foreigners believe they present a true picture of American life. Don't you wish government restrictions would stop such lies? Never present a bad image of the country in which you wish to work.

Without realizing it, the missionary often degrades the national worker in his people's esteem. Few persons want pity. Many resent a person offering pity. Nationals are now demanding equality, co-worker status with the missionary. Actually, nationalism orders submission to the national leaders. Can the missionary humble himself to such a status? Will he practice New Testament truths all the way, even to becoming a bond servant?

Successful missionaries learn the culture and faiths of peoples with whom they work. Refusal to do so is not a mark of "orthodoxy." Paul became all things to all men so some might be saved. He did not endanger Christ through such cultural adjustment. We need not fear when we have a true knowledge of the Lord and His Word.

Western style organization hinders church growth in an Eastern culture. Increasing methodology with decreasing theology produces devilology. Buildings and committees fill leaders' thoughts. Meanwhile they miss today's challenges. Like trained birds they parrot Western teachers. The resulting church is neither Western nor Eastern, but misunderstood by both. Then conflict comes, and "gospel sharing" is forgotten.

Many top national leaders recognize these defects. Yet they refuse to speak their minds and run the risk of losing their income and position. Better a well-fed parrot than a hungry eagle.

But Christ is clothing His bride, beautifully decorated in national costume. The gates to heaven open on all sides, receiving Christians into the kingdom of God.

In a rapidly changing world, foreign missions must change its ideas or retire from business. Yesterday's methods are outdated, even though the Bread of life never changes or becomes outdated.

I would be an ungrateful liar to misrepresent or undermine the missionary movement. But equally wrong would be pleasing words without telling the truth about present conditions. Some missions in India have disappeared; some have been forced to leave; some remain holding their old ways. Few new missionaries are allowed to enter. We must understand *why* before we can have fresh victories for Christ. Outdated methods must go. Updated methods must be brought in. However, they must fit the culture in which they are to work.

Never forget that Christ is triumphant against the strongest opposition. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He can work in spite of poor methods. But conversions must replace compassion in importance. Witnessing must be through the powerful Holy Spirit and the Word, not social works.

There is a growing desire for spiritual fullness in India. A brother writes, "The Lord revealed to me that the end time ministry in India is through mighty manifestations of the power of God in the apostolic pattern. We tarry in the presence of the Lord for a fresh anointing for this."

Complete dependence on God would bring foreign missions up to date. Only the Holy Spirit can show methods that give 30-, 60-, 100-fold harvest. The Holy Spirit's gifts will supply faith, administrators, evangelists, teachers, and others needed to complete the Body of Christ in these days. ▼

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for His answer to prayer in supplying members for the Brethren Construction Crew and pray for the newest family who joined the crew, the William Shakletons.

PRAISE God for supplying a full-time office secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council, and pray for Miss Marilyn Vnasdale as she assumed these duties on October 17, 1966.

PRAY for several home-mission churches considering becoming self-supporting by January 1, 1967.

PRAY for the Spanish ministry that has opened up at Toppenish, Washington, for Rev. Sam Horney.

PRAY for the $350,000 needed to meet the budget and become debt free in 1967.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that new pupils enlisted during the enlargement campaign may be conserved in Brethren Sunday schools.

PRAY that plans made by the Executive Committee of the Christian Education Department may be quickly and effectively implemented.

PRAY for district youth rallies to be held in many of our districts during the Thanksgiving season.

PRAY for your local Sunday-school teachers and youth directors by name.

PRAY that Christian Service Brigade might be an effective means of reaching the boys in our Brethren churches.

PRAY that needed funds for the Christian Education Department may be received from every local Brethren church.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the good leadership He has given us in our national officers. Pray that He will continue to give Mrs. Hall and all the other national officers wisdom.

PRAY that the slide-tape will be used to interest new girls in SMM.

PRAY that district rallies may be challenging and inspiring.

WMC

PRAY for the district officers, that they may be led of the Spirit in all their business.

PRAISE God for the evident leading of the Spirit in the preparation of our Bible studies.

PRAY for our SMM girls who have committed their lives to God for full-time service wherever He leads, that Satan may not be able to discourage them.

PRAY for our WMC and SMM sisters in Africa, that this work may be a blessing to them and build them up in the faith.

EVANGELISM

PRAY for Rev. Scott Weaver and team as they conduct crusades and evangelism workshops in Africa.

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts meetings in northern California during November.

PRAISE the Lord for the decisions made in crusades these last few months.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for lasting effects of the annual missionary conference which concludes Friday, November 18.

PRAY for the college Homecoming activities, which will take place during Thanksgiving week.

PRAY that the library project may progress satisfactorily and that funds may be available so that there will not need to be any prolonged delays in its completion.

PRAISE God for the record student body on campus this year, and pray for wisdom in caring for all their needs.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that the missionaries in Puerto Rico may be enabled to reach many people for the Lord through both the English-speaking and the Spanish-speaking testimonies.

PRAY for wisdom for the administrative personnel in each of our mission fields.

PRAY about the matter of the adequate provision and maintenance of motor vehicles on the fields.

PRAY that new converts may remain faithful and grow in the Lord in spite of the temptations which would draw them away.

PRAISE God for the candidates who have been called of the Lord and are now under appointment, and pray that all their needs may be provided so that they may soon go to their fields.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for a new record circulation of 9,591 issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, which were mailed out from the Herald offices on October 1, 1966.

PRAY for the board of directors as they continue to seek direction in the securing of a new editor for the *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

PRAY for the preparing and proofreading of all materials, that there may be a minimum of errors.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the total amount now in the scholarship fund ($8,500), and for the fact that completion of the goal seems near.

PRAY for those men working with Christian Service Brigade groups, that they will be used of the Lord in shaping boys' lives.

CHAPLAINS

PRAY for Chaplain John D. Talley, Jr., at Fort Gordon, Georgia, as he begins his witness to the students and as he deals with several individuals at the Signal School there.

PRAY for Chaplain James Hutchens as he takes up a new assignment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

PRAISE God for the reunion and fellowship in Viet Nam of Chaplains Burton Hatch, Paul Lindberg, and John Schumacher.

"When are we to glorify God?"

CONSISTENT CHRISTIANS

By Howard E. Dial, Student, Grace Seminary

While in college one summer I worked in a paint factory. By working in several different departments, I gained an overall view of how to make paint and ship it out to sell. There was the small batch blending department. I had to make measurements of the thinners, dryers, and linseed oil. Everything had to be exact in measurement. For a while I worked in the labeling department; if we got behind there it threw the other departments behind in their work. Each department had a particular purpose, but all had as the end product paint for the market. None of these departments acted independently of the others. Coordination was essential, and through the combined efforts of all departments working together the goal was achieved. There was no such thing as totally independent action.

The Christian life is somewhat similar to this. All parts of the individual Christian's life must be lived in such a way as to achieve the highest goal of all, Jesus Christ himself. All parts of his life must be consistent. A Christian cannot act one way in church and another way on Monday while at the shop. The ideal of Christian behavior is for everything to be done for the glory of God and the helping of man. In I Corinthians 10:31 through 11:1 we are taught the when, why, and how of consistent Christian living.

In verse 31 of chapter 10 is revealed the *when* of Christian living. The apostle Paul is drawing to a close his answer to the problem of questionable practices. Everything is to be done to the glory of God. Eating and drinking are especially mentioned, because they are the subject immediately under consideration. In every social contact and companionship you are to manifest the very character of God. What does "all" mean in this verse? To quote someone else's definition: "All means all, and that's all all means."

You ask, "What does 'the glory of God' mean?" Well, when you show forth God's character and attributes in your daily life, you are glorifying God. You are an example of His love, holiness, purity, honesty, kindness, and all that He is. The commonest things are to be done in a high Christian spirit.

Are you guilty of making your life one of sealed compartments? Do you live one way at church and another way at home? What about the way you conduct yourself at the office or at the factory? Are you a devil at home and an angel abroad? Every phase of your life as a Christian is to be permeated with the desire to show forth the excellence of God's attributes by your actions so that men can see it.

When are we to glorify God? All of the time and everywhere. But now the next question rises up to meet us. *Why* are we as Christians to do all for the glory of God? The first reason is given in verse 32: that we might not be a stumblingblock to the Jews, the Gentiles, or the church of God. If you do all to the glory of God, you will avoid causing anyone to stumble. Do you have any racial prejudice towards the Jews, or any other race for that matter? If you do, it is sin and may be a stumblingblock in their path in regard to Christ and the gospel. Don't be guilty of keeping any one of the Christless nations from coming to Christ because of something you say or do. Are you a hypocrite in the church? Don't do anything that might hinder a weaker brother in the church.

The second reason why you as a Christian are to do all to the glory of God is that many might be saved. Paul states this in verse 33. Paul surely didn't please all men, but he was useful to all men. Many were actually displeased when they discovered his true motive: namely, that he intended to win them to Christ.

What a great responsibility lies upon you and me as Christians to give the gospel to the world that is lost and dying without Christ! One by one they slip out into a Christless eternity. Are you hindering anyone from coming to Christ by your actions, the way you talk, the way you handle your business affairs? Do all to the glory of God that none might be caused to stumble and that many might be saved.

Finally, after explaining the when and the why of godly living, Paul sets forth the *how* of consistent Christian living. How may all be done to the glory of God? The answer is found in chapter 11, verse 1. You are to be an imitator of Paul, even as he was of Christ. Are you a good example of Christ? Paul was, and so should we be. Our pattern for behavior is revealed in the Word of God; it is there that we find the perfect example. You and I are to copy the actions of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ sought not His own advantage but that of others. Every movement and everyday life can be for the glory of God. We can glorify Him at the dinner table, the kitchen sink, the school desk, the shop, the office, no matter where He places us. The way to live consistently and do all for the glory of God is to look to Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life. We must follow the Leader.

When are we to live for Christ? All of the time in everything. Why are we to do all for the glory of God? That we might not cause anyone to stumble and that many might come to Christ. How are we to achieve this goal? By being imitators of Christ himself as revealed in His Word.

Are you a consistent Christian? You and I are to be careful not to give people a wrong conception of Christianity because our lives are not what they should be. How about you? Are you leading people to Christ or away from Christ? Every part of your life should be lived with one goal in mind—to make Christ known! ▼

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Groundbreaking for Grace Library

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, turns a shovelful of dirt at ground-breaking ceremonies September 14 for the $650,000 library-learning center at the schools. Others ready to take their turn with the shovel are, left to right: Rev. Clyde Landrum, representing the trustees; Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., dean of the seminary; E. William Male, academic dean and chairman of the library planning committee; Mrs. Ben Hamilton and Dr. Ben Hamilton, school librarians; Richard Messner, director of development; and Hobart Creighton, chairman of the College Community Council. (Warsaw, Indiana, *Times-Union* photo by Rudicel)



Our President Speaks

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME GRACE

(A message delivered at the college convocation chapel, September 8, 1966)

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Confrontation with the name "Grace" constitutes almost the first experience with this school. It seems only right, therefore, to inform you that this word is not a mere designation by which this school is differentiated from the many other colleges now in existence. This name was born in the midst of anguish and tears as men searched their hearts and the heart of God for the word that would best represent the central theme of the Christian faith.

Captivation by this word will inevitably be the experience of those who come to know its meaning. It is one of those words in the English language that grows on one because of the character and context of its usage. It is our hope that this will be true for every college student who enters these halls. It is our prayer that your experience here will provide such an atmosphere of loveliness and charm that this name will take on an aura of fascination and attractiveness, so that its mention will ever bring back beloved memories of your school days.

But most important, there needs to be comprehension of the meaning of this name. Former students and returning students have wanted to know the meaning of this name. Doubtless new students have been asking the same question. For that reason it seemed appropriate to me that such a theme should characterize the message for this occasion. This message, then, is intended to give you at least a glimpse into the meaning of the name and some insight into the heart of the school that bears this name. To carry out this purpose I would like to call four lines of thought to your attention.

The Greek Original and Its English Translation in the New Testament

The Greek word *charis* appears 150 times in the New Testament. In its root form this word appears in every book of the New Testament. This will give you some idea of its wide use and prevalence. It belonged to the common language of the people and therefore lent itself well to the expression of truth to the people of that day.

This word has been almost uniformly translated into English by the word "grace." It was translated by the word "grace" 129 times in the King James Version, and then a few times by the words "acceptable," "benefit," "favor," "liberality," "pleasure," "thanks" and "thanksgiving." But on the whole the translators preferred the word "grace" to convey the meaning of the original language to the English reader.

The English word "grace" is not without significance, as an examination of any dictionary will reveal. There is a vast array of words used to display its fullness. Such words as these are in the list: adornment, allurement, attractiveness, beauty, captivating, charm, delight, dignity, ease, elegance, entrancing, excellence, fascination, favor, harmony, honor, kindness, mercy, ornament, thankfulness, winning.

More pointedly, let us look at . . .

The General Meaning of the Word as Used in the Bible

In the general sense of the word "grace," it signifies favor or graciousness bestowed on someone without regard to merit. This means that the essential deserts of the individual were not the chief concern. In some cases the individual merited something good, but the grace bestowed upon him had nothing to do with that merit. In other cases the individual deserved something bad, but irrespective of what he deserved, grace was bestowed upon him.

In the special case of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is declared that "the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40). In the case of Christ there was positive merit. But even in His case, the word probably refers to attractiveness, and does not involve personal merit as though that were the procuring cause.

In the vast majority of cases where the word "grace" is used, the context makes it clear that it refers to a favor bestowed by God upon people who merit nothing. This is true from one end of the Bible to the other, and arises out of the fact that all have sinned and are coming short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)

At this point, let us narrow the discussion to . . .

The Specific Relation of Grace to Christian Salvation

In this sense it is not difficult to detect a progressive unfolding of the meaning of this word. This meaning is threefold.

It refers to favor bestowed upon men without merit. This is certainly

the sense of Ephesians 2:8-9. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." This means that there is not in any man that which attracts God or places God in the position of debt to the sinner. Therefore any blessing, beneficence, benefit is wholly an act of God in the nature of a gift.

It refers to favor bestowed upon men without regard to merit. "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). This means that men did merit something. They merited judgment upon their sin. But in spite of that merit, God bestowed upon them the riches of His favor in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But even beyond this, grace refers to favor God bestows without any thought of pay in return. In a most singular passage of the New Testament this is displayed. At every point where the word "thank" appears in Luke 6:31-35, in the original language it is the word "grace." If this passage is read with the word "grace" in the place of the word "thank" it will give new insight into this amazing favor of God. It will reveal that God is not in the bargaining business. When He gives it is without any thought of pay in return. In this seemingly reckless way God captures the allegiance of the human heart.

This amazing favor of God may be more fully grasped by a look at . . .

The Comprehensive Meaning of Grace in the New Testament

At this point I would like to call seven things to your attention. By means of these it will become evident that the word "grace" in the New Testament includes practically every aspect and blessing of salvation. Notice these seven things in order.

First, grace is an attitude of God toward man. It is stated in Ephesians 2:7 as follows: "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." That attitude is kindness.

Second, grace is a work of God in behalf of man. Paul declares in Titus 2:11: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." That work is salvation.

Third, grace is the special gift of God bestowed upon man. The Word of God in Ephesians 4:7 declares: "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." That gift is the life of God in Christ.

Fourth, grace is a power of God working in man. Paul explained it this way in I Corinthians 15:10: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." That power is the power of a new life.

Fifth, grace is a method used of God in saving men. It is therefore declared that sinners are saved by "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). That method operates freely: that is, without any procuring cause in the sinner.

Sixth, grace is a realm of God into which men enter by faith, abide therein, and experience all the blessings of salvation. It is asserted that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one "by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand" (Rom. 5:2). And the apostles "persuaded them to continue in the grace of God" (Acts 13:43). That realm is Christ himself.

And seventh, grace is almost a synonym of Christianity itself. Over and over again the benedictions of the New Testament mention grace as though nothing else were needed. It was characteristic of Paul to close each one of his epistles with the words, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" (Phil. 4:23). And it is significant that the last benediction in the New Testament consists of these words (Rev. 22:21).

There is only one explanation for this. It is because our God is "the God of all grace" (I Peter 5:10).

"The realization came to the heart of that blind saint who wrote the words to the song 'Saved by Grace.'"

It was this crushing realization that came to the heart of that blind saint who wrote the words to the song "Saved by Grace." Fanny Crosby was born blind and lived for 95 years in that condition. But God opened the eyes of her heart to see more truth than those with physical eyes that were seeing. When the truth of grace flashed upon her inner consciousness, she wrote:

"Someday the silver cord will break,
and I no more as now shall sing;
But, oh, the joy when I shall wake
within the palace of the King.
And I shall see Him face to face,
and tell the story—saved by grace;
And I shall see Him face to face,
and tell the story—saved by grace."

At the heart of this school is the grace of God. That is our central message. That is the truth we want to engrave upon the walls of your mind and the tables of your heart. In this grace it is our desire to see you grow during your years of sojourn on this campus. All else you learn will eventually come to naught, but the grace of God will carry you through every crisis and through eternity. ▼

THE CHRISTIAN AND FINE ARTS

By Donald E. Ogden

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". . . and God saw that it was good." And the good world He created for man was brimming with exciting sounds, sights, tastes, and aromas; then He created man with the senses to perceive them and the appetites to desire them. The father and mother of our race were placed in a garden of loveliness beyond our powers of imagination, and it was their supreme delight to dress that garden. It would seem that, even as we derive pleasure from the happiness we can bring to our loved ones, so God found pleasure in the happiness his creatures extracted from the surroundings He had prepared for them.

When man had transgressed the law of God and provoked His displeasure, God altered man's environment, but He did not deprive him of his senses or remove the sources of their satisfaction. It appears that the author of "all things bright and beautiful" was still to be pleased by man's capacity to enjoy new sensuous discoveries and repeated contact with those he had come to cherish. Perhaps the joy a hostess finds in the praise evoked by her apple pie is not unlike that which God experiences in the thankfulness that rises from a grateful heart for the fragrance of a rose.

If this is so, it behooves us to "recognize aesthetic values as theologically sound." The Christian ought above all men to grant the things of beauty their rightful place in his living. All born-again believers should find their hearts echoing an "amen" to the words of the hymn by George W. Robinson:

"Heav'n above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green!
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen:
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
Flow'rs with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His, and He is mine."

To arbitrarily rule out of our lives that which is beautiful would be to throw into the face of God that which He has presented to us for our well-being. We may equally dishonor Him by holding our noses as we pass through a garden, by restricting our surroundings to the most drab and lifeless of colors, or by closing our ears to the enchantment of a graceful melody; but to give proper attention to those things which delight our senses is in itself a display of gratitude to Him who so graciously provided all.

The verification of the rightness of this principle can be demonstrated in the dual function of each of our five senses: a function which is utilitarian, or practical, and one which is aesthetic and relatively nonessential to life. For example, God could have created our world in black and white; but color serves many useful purposes. It helps us to know when fruit is ripe, or when meat is spoiled; and the changing hues in the face may be a key to one's state of health. On the other hand, a sunset extravaganza has never served a useful purpose for many of us, but it has often brought us a whole sky full of pleasure.

Our wise Maker might have provided that the fuel for the body be replenished by a single tasteless substance which might be taken into the body in a perfunctory manner, but He planned rather that while we perform this necessary rite we should at the same time experience a sense of delight. Moreover, to heighten this sense of delight He gave not a few interesting taste treats, but an endless variety of foods and seasonings with such taste, smell, and sight appeal as to cause many of us to wonder whether we do not live to eat as much as we eat to live.

If, however, there is a danger that some in the name of piety will swing too far to the right, this tendency results from the abounding problem of a Christless world in which wholesome appetites are over-indulged and pleasure becomes the chief end of man. It was partly because the fruit of the tree was good to look upon that Eve overstepped God's bounds. So may any good gift become perverted; so may any God-given appetite give rise to lust. But God has given some safeguards so that we may legitimately satisfy every one of our senses with the fruit of His creative hand. Can we indeed do all things in the name of the Lord, making Him preeminent in everything, seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, yielding to the leading of the Holy Spirit who indwells us? If so, we can without hesitation pursue the arts, enjoying the works which God has wrought through the gifts He has given to men, gifts to organize colors and sounds in ways which are intelligent, meaningful, and pleasing to our senses.

If this rationale is not quite convincing in itself, these conclusions are amply confirmed by Biblical injunction and example with respect to the use of the arts, both auditory and visual, in the living out of the godly life, both in private and in corporate worship.

Since this is so, a responsibility falls upon the Christian school to train its students in the appreciation and effective use of the arts. It is to be hoped that the educated Christian will have some foundational knowledge of the materials, the philosophies, and the historical modes of expression in the fine arts, that he might better evaluate what he sees, better employ what he can use, and better assimilate that which can bring enrichment to his own life. ▼

Fourth in a series on the four divisions of the courses of instruction at Grace College.

Academic Freedom--Possible in the Christian College?

BY HUDSON T. ARMERDING

Second in a series of two articles

Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, president of Wheaton (Illinois) College, wrote this article under the original title: "Academic Freedom in the Christian College."

Another principle which must be kept in mind in dealing with the various questions or issues in the world is the maturity of the student. Some faculty members attempt to shock or unsettle their students by confronting them with profound critical problems ostensibly to rid them immediately of provincialism or naivete at a time when they have scarcely begun their experience in higher education. Maritian says of some of the youth who are coming to our college, "In reality they are just at that state where the acquired structures of moral and religious tradition have been taken away, and man still remains playing with his heritage. Their naked nature is not mere nature, but nature which for centuries had been strengthened by reason and faith and accustomed to virtues and which was now stripped of every prop. They stand in goodness upon nothing. How will they be tested in the hard world of tomorrow? What will their children be? Anxiety and thirst arise in a number of them and this very fact is a reason for hope. Yet in tortured Europe the same youth is now torn between hopeless cynicism and heroic faith, while bodies are starving and souls agonizing in the face of persecution, betrayal and ignominy." Along the same lines, Thomas Aquinas is reported to have warned the educators of his time, "Never dig a ditch that you fail to fill up."

This is not to suggest an oppressive paternalism but rather to recommend that academic freedom be exercised with insight so that the student is not left in confusion and despair. Instead he should be properly conditioned to consider some of the difficult and complex problems with which mature Christian scholars struggle.

In a practical way this applies to reading assignments. Occasionally it is suggested that students should be actively encouraged to read whatever they please. It is here that we in one particular confront the question of the distinction between freedom and license. In studying modern literature one certainly needs to be informed about the expressions of social sickness and decay to be found in some of the modern novels. Yet it is questionable whether it is necessary to encourage a student to immerse himself in such literature. Scripture not only distinguishes between milk and meat with respect to the maturity of the believer but also, by illustration, indicates a proper and yet restrained treatment of evil or perversion. This same pattern could well be followed in our disciplines which in particular deal with the aberrant behavior of mankind. It would be desirable to limit the assignment of works of this kind to upperclassmen and to ensure in addition that the instructor provide a vigorous critique of such works from a Biblical perspective.

A related question has to do with inviting to the campus speakers who are of dubious reputation and celebrated for the fact that they hold views which are contrary to those of the institution. The AAUP (American Association of University Professors) statement on student freedoms suggests that students should be allowed to invite to campus whomever they please. I do not agree with this statement.

In the 1964 summer edition of the Educational Record, Eldon L. Johnson wrote an article entitled "Myths of College Education." Speaking about the college or university executive he said, "Closely related to this myth of freedom of action is another: that the top college or university executive enjoys great personal prestige. The institution does enjoy great prestige. The presidential office enjoys great prestige. But the man does not, except as incumbent, as might be any one of a hundred other men. Prestige flows from the institution and the office, not the man. The most prestigious voice in higher education is the voice of the president of Harvard, but it is the same voice which went unnoticed at Lawrence College a few years ago." Along the same line Dr. Grayson Kirk of Columbia University said, "Academic freedom for a professor means that his career may not be jeopardized by the expression of his views to his students or to the public. But however much a professor may assert his rights as a citizen to speak out on any topic, he

ought to think twice before he makes a ringing public declaration of his views on a controversial subject, particularly if it is far removed from his own area of scholarly competence or expertise. He should hesitate before doing so simply because, no matter how loud or sincere his disclaimers, he can never entirely shed his scholar's gown. To his views the public tends to attach a special significance, no matter on what subject, just because he is a professor in a great university. A scholar has an implied professional commitment to approach all issues more in the spirit of a judge than that of an advocate."

The point is well taken. The controversial speaker who may be invited to campus is by that very act given status by the institution despite the issuance of disclaimers. Hence it is appropriate to ask whether his presence on campus will really add to knowledge or shed light on a particular problem. In selected cases an individual might be invited for a private, classroom presentation where there would be the guarantee of preparation beforehand and follow-up afterward by the instructor. Or there may be opportunity to hear the speaker off campus. At most Christian colleges students can go off campus to hear such if they so desire. This is different, however, from an invitation to campus where in effect the institution provides status for the speaker while at the same time jeopardizing its own. There is really no point in gratuitously adding to the reputation of such an individual. Nor is the thesis proved that a view can only be presented fairly and with vigor if a partisan is directly on campus to make such a presentation. We do well to remember that our objective is the search for truth, not emotional disturbance, per se. It is questionable to what degree this kind of controversy is legitimate on a campus which is dedicated to a dispassionate, intelligent and rational appraisal of truth. Admittedly it is the tendency of the day to draw conclusions simply on the basis of high emotional involvement rather than rational discussion. We tend to set back the course of western civilization by hundreds of years when we revert to such procedures.

From a positive viewpoint the Christian college is in an excellent position to provide a far more balanced and comprehensive education than may be found in institutions which, while ostensibly dedicated to academic freedom, limit their presentations to the bias of the individual instructor or the prejudice of the administration.

Within this context, however, an issue is created by faculty or students who differ so substantially with the college that they come in conflict with its stated aims and purposes. For the faculty there should be clearly defined contractual obligations. Failure to adhere to these provides a proper basis for the discontinuance of such an individual. It should be noted here, however, that unacceptable behavior is not limited to that which is specifically unbiblical but also includes that which may be termed unscholarly or unprofessional as defined by such groups as the Association of American Colleges or the American Association of University Professors.

Certainly the Christian college, of all institutions, must resolve such an issue by procedures which protect both the rights of the individual and those of the institution. By the same token it must have the courage to deal with a situation which requires action.

There remains the interesting question as to what freedom is to be accorded to students. The Christian colleges in general do not expect of students the same commitment to the basic presuppositions of the college as that expected of faculty. Yet there does come a time when the question arises as to what degree students should be allowed the freedom to attack the basic aims and goals of the college, particularly when the publication of such views is in media whose expenses are underwritten by the college. It is here that the establishment of proper criteria for campus publications is essential. Certainly students should be allowed the privilege of being critical of their college. Yet where such criticism goes beyond the bounds of good taste or common decency, it is entirely in order for the institution to call such criticism into question. Grayson Kirk of Columbia University says, "A student who is unwilling to live by the simple rules of courtesy, decency and good manners that govern an academic community has no proper place in it and he should be invited to take himself elsewhere. The right to interfere with the rights of others is no part of academic freedom" (*College and University Business*, Vol. 39, No. 3, Sept., 1965, p. 51).

Thus when it becomes apparent that the presence of the student on campus is injurious to his own personal development as well as to that of his fellow students, it is appropriate to remove him from the student body. Here the issue is not one of freedom but rather the best interests of the individual and his peers.

The determination of this is not a simple matter. For many students their college experience is a time when they go through a period of rebellion, questioning most of that which formerly they had accepted. This can be an opportunity for the institution to help such a student come to a mature, balanced and, hopefully, Christian view of life and be graduated as a responsible Christian adult. Such an opportunity should be withdrawn only when it is clearly evident that the law of diminishing returns has set in.

In summary, academic freedom in the Christian college locates ultimately in the two foundational propositions set forth by the Lord Jesus: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free;" "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." It should be our objective so to disciple our students in the text and meaning of the Word of God and in particular in personal devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, that they will themselves be inspired to enter upon a life of obedience and find the true freedom which we as more mature Christians have sought. Having done so they can stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free and use this liberty responsibly for the glorification of God, the edification of their fellows, and their own growth in grace by employing the insights and perspectives gained in an education truly Christian as well as truly collegiate. ▼

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NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

The College Work-Study Program is designed to help prevent the waste of talent occurring when capable high-school graduates cannot continue their education because they lack money. It gives the student a chance to pay for a large portion of his educational expenses by working at a part-time job. This program was established as part of the War on Poverty, but has since been transferred to the U. S. Office of Education. If a student feels that he cannot continue his education because he does not have enough money, he should ask his prospective college what assistance it can give him. Work opportunities and other forms of financial assistance are provided for the student or prospective student by his own post-secondary school or college.

Under the College Work-Study Program (CWSP) students have been given jobs as cafeteria helpers, lab assistants, hospital orderlies, maintenance workers, and so on. With few restrictions students may be employed in almost any job which needs to be done and which the institution could not otherwise get done because of lack of funds. Students may work as many as 15 hours per week while classes are in session and not more than 40 hours per week during vacations, summers, or other periods when classes are not in session.

In many cases the student will not be able to earn enough from a part-time job to pay for all of the costs of attending college; consequently, he will need some other form of financial assistance, such as a loan or grant. Grace College is able to offer such a student a "package" of financial assistance—a combination of work, loan, and/or scholarship—which will make it possible for him to stay in school without placing an undue hardship upon him or his family.

In order to be employed under the College Work-Study Program, the student must (1) be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution participating in the College Work-Study Program; (2) be in need of the earnings from part-time employment under this program; (3) be capable of maintaining good standing in his course of study while employed under this program; and (4) be a citizen of the United States or owe permanent allegiance to the United States, or meet other specific criteria regarding residence.

Under this program the federal government pays 90 per cent of the hourly wage and the college pays 10 per cent. Preference for employment under this program must be given to students from low-income families.

Another federal program which Grace College has just instituted is the Educational Opportunity Grant Program. The basic purpose of the Educational Opportunity Grant Program is to assist students of exceptional financial need who for lack of financial means of their own or of their families would be unable to enter or remain in college without an Educational Opportunity grant. It is the obligation of the college to search for and seek out such students.

Educational Opportunity grants may be awarded to students who meet the following qualifications: (1) that the student is a national of the United States, or is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intends to become a permanent resident thereof; (2) the student has been accepted for enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student, or is in good standing and in full-time attendance as an undergraduate; (3) the student shows evidence of academic or creative promise and capability of maintaining good standing in his course of study; (4) the student is of exceptional financial need, as determined by the institution in accordance with criteria and schedules prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D.C., which take into account such factors as the income and assets of, and number of dependent children in, the student's family; and (5) the student would not, but for an Educational Opportunity grant, be financially able to pursue a course of study at such an institution of higher education.

The amount of an Educational Opportunity grant is determined by the following factors: the amount of support from the student's family; the income, assets, and resources of the student, including the amount of other forms of aid that the institution can reasonably make available to him; and the cost reasonably necessary for the student's attendance at the institution, including any special needs and obligations which directly affect the student's financial ability to attend such an institution on a full-time basis.

The grant to a student is dependent upon an absolute standard of what the parent contributes to the child's educational expenses. If the parent contributes more than $625, the student is ineligible for a grant. If the parent contributes less than this amount, and the student has a need, the college can provide through federal funds additional money up to $800. For example, if the parent contributes $400, and assuming that the student's need is $1,000 after all other aid has been subtracted, the student could receive a $400 Education Opportunity grant. These grants need not be repaid.

There is aid available at Grace College. Do not use the excuse, "I can't go to college because I have no money." Contact Mr. Ward Kriegbaum, director of financial aid, Grace College, for information regarding the financing of a college education. ▼

Library Groundbreaking at Grace Attracts Local and National Interest

Included among the more than six hundred persons who participated September 14 in the impressive groundbreaking ceremonies for the new $650,000 library-learning center for Grace College and Seminary were local civic leaders as well as representatives of our own national denominational boards.

Ceremonies included greetings from Joe Johnson, mayor of Warsaw; Lyle Martin, chairman of the Winona Lake town board; Hobart Creighton, chairman of the College Community Council; William Male, academic dean of the college and chairman of the Library Planning Committee; Rev. Ralph Hall, of the Brethren Home Missions Council; Dr. Russell D. Barnard, of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church; Dr. Harold Etling, of the Christian Education Department; and Rev. Richard Grant, of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Taking part in the actual groundbreaking were Rev. Clyde Landrum, member of the Executive Committee of the trustees of the schools; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools; Richard Messner, director of development; Dr. and Mrs. Ben Hamilton, school librarians; Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., dean of the seminary; Chairman Creighton; and Dean Male.

Excavation work for the new structure is expected to be completed this fall.



Prof. E. William Male, chairman, and members of the Library Planning Committee.



More than 600 students, faculty and friends outline building.

Grace College High School Days Slated for November

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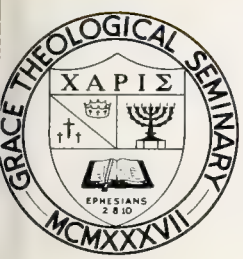
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Revelation 3:2-3

ODERATOR'S ADDRESS ***BY RICHARD E. GRANT***

By the gracious will of God, we are ivileged to assemble in this 77th An- ıal Conference of the National Fellow- ip of Brethren Churches. We are thered together that we might exper- nce a blessed time of mutual fellow- ip and counsel. May we receive a new sion of our blessed Living Lord dur- g these days which will cause us to new our dedication to Him who has ved us and blessed us with every spirit- ıl blessing in heavenly places.

The Executive Committee of our con- rence has directed other men to speak on the theme: "As for Me and My ouse." Your moderator has been in- ructed to speak concerning the state the church.

Therefore, we have carefully selected text of Scripture from the messages the seven churches in the Book of evelation which speaks directly to the tuation in our Brethren churches to- ay. To the church at Sardis John was structed to write, "Be watchful, and rengthen the things which remain, that e ready to die" (Rev. 3:2). Here was church that did not appear outwardly be at the point of death. There was ligious activity, but little spiritual life power.

The Sardis church was in a critical ndition, but it was not hopeless. The ord Jesus not only diagnosed the ouble in Sardis; He also prescribed a ıre. He was not willing to leave this ıurch at the point of death, so He id, "Be watchful . . . strengthen the ings which remain. . . . Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and **repent**" (Rev. 3:2-3).

The Brethren Church is standing at the point of death. Your moderator, therefore, must sound an alarm to alert believers as to how Satan is engaging in spiritual warfare against us, and how God has provided the way to victory.

Many spiritual problems are gnawing away like cancer at the very vitals of our beloved fellowship. There is the plague of an ever-increasing rebellion against authority in Brethren homes, churches and organizations; serious misunderstandings have arisen relative to the deeper-life movements in some of our church fellowship groups; there is a well-known division of opinion concerning baptismal requirements for church membership; and there has been a disturbing indifference, and even open opposition at times, to the financial support of national boards and schools. Churches are painfully aware that soul winners are few and far between; and that prayer warriors are just as scarce. Moral standards in Brethren churches are in a progressively downward trend without the deterrent of proper church discipline. These and other equally destructive disorders cause us to cry out in warning that the Lord is speaking to our fellowship of churches when He says, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die."

But there is hope. The way back to spiritual victory and power is still,

"Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." Nothing less than a full-scale, heaven-sent, Spirit-directed revival will cure the creeping paralysis of sin which is sapping the very life and vigor of our churches. We must exercise faith for a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst today. If we will simply follow the Biblical pattern for revival as laid down in the Word of God, we shall surely receive the power from on high that will result in a transforming and sin-cleansing revival that will sweep through our churches.

The Danger of the Deeper Life Movement

A dangerous condition exists in The Brethren Church today. There is a growing frustration among many Brethren people because of the general lack of joyful, victorious Christian living. People are beginning to seek for a satisfying experience. The desire is legitimate. The abundant life is the birthright of the child of God. But there is that ever-present danger of finding a counterfeit experience in the pursuit of holiness.

The deeper life is Biblical. But when it is twisted from the Biblical pattern it can become a nightmare. In his book, **Holiness: The False and the True,** the late Dr. Harry Ironside tells of how he joined a certain group that made holiness an obsession. All the members of that particular movement were expected to be wholly sanctified. They were hopelessly striving for the impossible.

How can Brethren people enter into the deeper life and have all that God desires and provides for them?

God has provided three means to make the deeper life a reality. They are: (1) the Bible, (2) prayer, and (3) sharing our faith.

First, a daily concentration on the **Bible** builds up a barrier against sin. It is still true that the Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible. Second, **prayer** is essential; confession of known sin, requesting God for cleansing, and appealing for a closer walk with Christ are vital to a holy life. Third, **sharing our faith** is a means ward a holy, deeper life. As a Christi in seeking to reach others for Ch you are at the same time helping yo self to find a greater holiness of livi

God has called Brethren people holiness. He expects us to enjoy deeper life. But he expects us to foll the Biblical means of reading the Bi praying, and sharing our faith to sec it.

In the light of much false teach on this subject today, your modera recommends to this conference that greater emphasis be given during the suing year to Biblical preaching a practical application of the doctrine holy living.

Word of God

There are strong religious currents day moving contrary to historic Chr tianity, including subtle attacks agai the verbal inspiration of the Word God, diminishing its authority, rejecti the miracles in the Gospels, propag ing the theory of the death of God, a even proposing Christian atheism.

The Brethren position on the Scri tures has ever been that the Bible (its original autographs), both the O and New Testaments, is given by i spiration of God and is therefore i errant, infallible, and absolutely a thoritative in all its statements, wheth theological, historical or scientific.

With a God-breathed, infallible guid we rejoice then that we are possesso of a unique authority that can be broug to bear in every area of our life.

The great lack of our day is the fai ure of the church and Christians make known the relevancy of the Bib to current movements and problems. W need men who know what God has sai and who will speak with complete aban donment as prophets of God to the na tion.

For another thing, it means we mu preach the gospel. We must at all co present an authoritative message of sa vation to a lost and bewildered world.

Finally, it means we must exemplif

e authority of Scripture in our lives. hen all is said and done the authority the Bible is not really a question of gma. It is a faith to be demonstrated life.

What your neighbor and mine need ost is not so much to hear us say hat God has said; it is to see us show hat God has taught in lives submitted the authority of the Scriptures.

Be Filled with the Spirit

An outstanding command in the Word God is "Be filled with the Spirit" ph. 5:18). This is a much neglected th. Even in our beloved Brethren urches the Holy Spirit is primarily a bject for academic information and for rrect theological consideration, rather an a vital, living person who can bless, rich, and empower us. Perhaps Brethn people are afraid to be filled with e Spirit, because of the abuses and cesses of those whose theology is disrted. But we can rest assured that there e no divine excesses in the true filling the Spirit. The Book of Acts presents e Spirit-filled life as one that produces ldness, wisdom, power, and the fruit the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, ngsuffering, gentleness, goodness, ith, meekness, and self control.

Charles G. Finney once stated, "It shonors Christ and weakens the church hen believers are not filled with the irit."

The need for the filling of the Spirit summed up in one word: power. rethren people need power for two ings: for Christian living and for Chrisan service.

It is one thing to be "born again" by e Holy Spirit. It is quite another thing be kept by His power. To be born gain requires only a moment of time. o be kept by the power of God reuires the remainder of one's life.

There is a desperate need in our urches for an experiential knowledge the Holy Spirit's power. Our blessed ord lived a sinless life, performed His ighty miracles, and delivered His lifeansforming messages in the power of the infilling Spirit. If Christ himself depended upon the Spirit of God, how much more do we need that complete dependence. Your moderator feels keenly that Brethren ministers everywhere should carefully teach the Biblical truths concerning the Holy Spirit, and set forth in simple terms the ABC's of how a child of God can be filled with the Spirit of God.

This teaching should result in more than an intellectual understanding of this vital truth. It should consummate in the practical application of believers walking in the power of the Spirit. The life of our fellowship of churches is dependent on Christians who are controlled by the Spirit of God.

Baptism by Trine Immersion

As the moderator of this annual conference, I want to go on record as saying, "I love The Brethren Church." I personally believe and teach and contend for the doctrines which our fellowship holds precious. I desire to do all in my power to keep our denomination a true Bible-teaching testimony for the glory of God.

There are varied opinions and differences in policies among us concerning church membership, but I rejoice that our fellowship at last year's conference reaffirmed the conviction that trine immersion is the Biblical form of Christian baptism.

We must accept the fact that if The Brethren Church is to continue to teach its unique message, based on the whole Word of God, then it must admit to its membership only those who are ready to follow the counsel of the whole Word of God.

Let us be clear in our minds that the problem of retarded growth in The Brethren Church is not due to our peculiar beliefs and practices, and we could not appreciably increase our growth by changing our requirements for membership. The real reason we are not growing is simply that we are not busy at the main job of winning souls to Christ, nor are we effectively training others to do

it. The particular mode of baptism is not an issue with new converts. If you win them to Christ, they will rarely rebel against the mode of baptism. Those who argue about this matter are usually proselytes from other denominations who feel that their former baptism by some other mode is sacred and fulfills what they believe to be the purpose of water baptism.

The only answer to our controversy is to get our people to become soul winners. We need to obey the marching orders of our Lord. Let us pray that The Brethren Church might be moved by the Holy Spirit of God with a revival that will give us a burning passion for Christ and for the souls of men and women.

We recommend to this conference that we reaffirm our historic position that trine immersion is the Biblical form of baptism, and that we dedicate ourselves anew to the unfinished task of evangelizing the world.

Ecumenism

The Brethren Church must be on constant guard lest we accept the premise that Biblical Christianity can accomplish a much greater work if we will cooperate with those who are more broadminded in their theological position.

It is impossible for The Brethren Church to unite with those who refuse to acknowledge Jesus Christ in His deity, His incarnation, His vicarious death, and His resurrection. How can there be a spiritual unity between true believers and those who deny the inspiration of the Scriptures and reduce God to an impersonal force?

Organizational unity at the expense of principle and conviction can only fail. Emphatically, this is not what Jesus meant when He prayed: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

An ecumenical or world-wide move uniting all religions in a "common faith" may very well be a forerunner of th Antichrist described in the Book Revelation.

A true ecumenical movement ca only be brought about by the power Jesus Christ as the sovereign head, an not by compromise or the creation a super interfaith organization. Ma God keep our beloved Brethren Churc separate from this godless one-wor religion. These are treacherous days end-time satanic forces are at wor The pressure for conformity will inte sify as our world approaches the end this age of grace.

The National Fellowship of Brethre Churches must continue to stand op posed to liberalism, neo-orthodoxy, th National and World Councils Churches, and all who are at varianc with the doctrines of Biblical, fundamen tal Christianity.

The desperate need of the hour is fo strong, clear, forceful doctrinal preach ing from our pulpits. Let us proclaim th whole counsel of God without any kin of compromise.

Home Missions

The Brethren mission field is worl wide in scope and needs dedicated me to plan and organize its evangelism.

Thank God for raising up in our mid the Brethren Home Missions Counci which has inaugurated an aggressiv church extension program for reachin souls in the homeland.

Our 48 home-mission churches re ported 575 first-time decisions la year. There are 111 home missionarie dedicated to the task of increasin growth of our home base. If we are t see any appreciable growth in the futur we must invest our prayers and money i this ministry. We rejoice in the generou spirit of giving in our fellowship whic has resulted in cutting the home-mi sion deficit in half. For this we prais our prayer-hearing God, and thank th multitude of Brethren people who hav faithfully shared in this financial re sponsibility.

New home-mission points have bee

arted, and it is the purpose of home issions to win men and women for hrist and then to organize new churches care for the spiritual growth of these ew converts.

Our districts need to accept the stand- ng challenge to grow new churches. hurch extension is the work of our ntire fellowship. A goal of one new hurch every month of the year is a ust if our fellowship is to grow. This ill revitalize our present churches to e vigorous enough to support this min- try of outreach and hereby we will be lfilling the command of the Lord to epent and strengthen that which re- ains.

Your moderator heartily recommends continued interest and emphasis in hurch extension, and a loyal support of he Brethren Home Missions Council, or it is true that "The Brethren Church rows with Home Missions."

Foreign Missions

In the face of untold dangers and ardships the gospel still has to be car- ied to the ends of the earth. We thank od for the 104 active Brethren mis- ionaries who have accepted the chal- enge to serve the Brethren Foreign Mis- ionary Society on our seven foreign ission fields. Fifty-one Brethren mis- ionaries are serving in Africa, 20 in rgentina, 17 in Brazil, two in France, ix in Mexico, four in Hawaii, and four n Puerto Rico. There is a vast oppor- unity for missions in our modern world. ast year 125 million babies were born nto our world, of which 60 million died hortly after birth. There remain ap- roximately 65 million people born early who must be reached with the ospel.

We have received word of God's hand f blessing as He worked through our issionaries and a host of equally dedi- ated nationals on our seven fields round the world last year.

Here is some statistical information rom our mission fields that should cause you to shout "Hallelujah." There are ap- roximately 292 Brethren churches on foreign fields, with over 52,000 members in good standing. These churches reported over 10,000 converts last year, and a gain of over 7,000 members in their churches.

A greater growth is being reported in our Brethren churches overseas than in our churches here at home. This ought to shame us to greater efforts in the power of our living God. According to these reports coming in from our mission fields there are nearly a hundred more Brethren churches overseas than in America, 20,000 more Brethren people in foreign churches than in ours, 7,000 more conversions, and over 6,500 more gained in membership last year. The time has come for our overseas churches to send missionaries to us to awaken us out of our lethargy. We are at the point of death, and have stagnated at our home base; but, praise God, the mission fields are pushing ahead with great victories for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us pray more and give more to our Brethren Foreign Missionary Society that greater advancements can be made to God's honor and praise in the coming years. Great plans are being proposed for the future; the doubling of missionary personnel on the fields, the opening of at least three new fields, and the expectation of an annual offering to exceed a million dollars are projected for the next ten years.

The Foreign Missionary Society will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1975. Let us determine to support this organization in every possible way to make their dreams a glorious reality. By the help of God it can be done. We dare not do less!

Grace Schools

The combined student body of Grace College and Seminary for this past school year exceeded 500. Advance enrollments indicate that all existing records for Grace College and Seminary will be broken this fall. It now appears that the college student body will number up to 450, and the seminary is an-

ticipating 150 students, which will make a combined student body of approximately 600. In anticipation of this growth Grace College will be dedicating the new $225,000 Men's Residence Hall during this conference. This should be cause for rejoicing!

During the summer months, key personnel from Grace Schools made personal appeals to the members of our Brethren churches in behalf of the proposed library. The fund drive hoped to reach $200,000. The latest reports indicate that only about half that amount has been promised.

A dilemma faces us. Our schools are in great need of funds to adequately train our Brethren youth. The most urgently needed building is of course the $650,000 library-learning center. Delay of construction of this building may limit our academic program. What about seeking federal grants to solve our financial problems? This holds the potential danger of opening the door to federal control and perhaps would blur the line of church-state separation, because directly or indirectly federal funds involve federal control.

The need in our fellowship of churches is to encourage an accelerated giving program to our schools. Since our denomination feels it unwise to accept federal grants, the only alternative is for our churches to assume the responsibility of finances. In the light of this need for increased funds it is pathetic to read the 1961-1965 statistics, which indicate that gifts to Grace Schools are decreasing rather than increasing. This trend must be reversed immediately or our institutions will not be able to measure up to the standards of other schools which are receiving such massive federal support.

We recommend that this conference commend the administration and Board of Trustees of Grace Theological Seminary and College for contending for a fundamental, conservative position in these apostate days; and that this conference express its loyalty, support and encouragement to our schools. The administration and faculty should be assured of the prayerful and financial interest of this delegated body.

Christian Day Schools

The Christian day school movement is another vitally important arm of the church to prepare our youth for life and service. A Christian school is the answer to how God might have first place in the education of our children.

Parents must be prepared to make extreme sacrifices to provide Christian education for their children in an unbroken progression from the elementary through secondary and on to higher education. The expenses which a Christian day school involves is the best investment we can make for our children for time and eternity. We are obligated to bring up our children pre-eminently for God's glory and service.

We thank God for the 16 Brethren day schools which have been pioneered and sponsored by churches in our fellowship. May the Lord lay it upon the hearts of Brethren parents to arise and build more of these God-honoring schools to better meet the needs of our youth for a firm foundation in the faith of God's Word.

Brethren Sunday Schools

Brethren Sunday schools across the nation are showing a general decline in enrollment and attendance. The statistician's report indicates a decrease in enrollment of 1,148 as compared to last year, while attendance has fallen 86 below the previous year. The decreases are sobering in the light of the fact that nearly every major denomination in America today is reporting a decline in Sunday-school attendance.

The July 24, 1966, issue of **The New York Times** featured a write-up entitled "The Sunday School Fights for Survival" by Edward B. Fiske. Here are a few quotations from that article. "The Sunday school—long the symbol of American Protestant education—is going through a major crisis. Some churches

Manhattan have abandoned Sunday schools entirely. Others have tried to revive them with paid teachers, arsenals of audio-visual equipment and bold new curriculums. From 1960-1964 the adult membership in the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. rose by 100,000, while Sunday-school enrollment dropped by 120,000 in the same period."

The National Sunday School Board has a tremendous responsibility in endeavoring to stem this tide in our own fellowship of churches. An outstanding Sunday-school convention again this year with increased attendance and enthusiasm indicates a concerted effort to regain lost ground and to make new advancements during this coming year. We highly commend the excellent ministry of our Sunday-school and youth boards. This conference must think seriously of doing more financially to assist these boards in the coming year so that these works will not be hindered.

Chaplains

We have 12 chaplains on active duty representing the N.F.B.C.: one Air Force chaplain, three in the U.S. Navy, and eight in the U.S. Army. Four of our chaplains have been or will be serving in the combat zone of Viet Nam. Chaplain Jim Hutchens has completed a year in Viet Nam, where he was wounded in heroic action. He has received extensive publicity and news coverage concerning his dedication and daring for God under fire. It has been solidly affirmed that as Brethren ministers they have liberty to preach as they would in any Grace Brethren church without compromise. These ministers in uniform need our prayers and should be on the prayer list of every church.

Let us commend them for their faithful ministry and devotion to duty in ministering to the spiritual needs of those entrusted to their care. Our fellowship recognizes its solemn responsibility under God of bringing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the members of our Armed Forces, and this can only be accomplished by dedicated Brethren chaplains.

Evangelism

The main purpose of our existence as a fellowship of churches is the winning of precious souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, urging them to be scripturally baptized, then building them up in the most holy faith as outlined in our Lord's great commission.

We urge our churches, our Board of Evangelism, and evangelists, to manifest an even greater zeal, make even more diligent efforts that they "might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:22) during the coming year. Let us utilize every possible method of Biblical evangelism, such as evangelistic meetings, house-to-house visitation, services in jails, hospitals, county homes, and campuses. Plan to distribute gospel literature which the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will gladly provide to churches free of charge for concerted efforts. Use radio and television broadcasts, youth rallies, and all other areas wherein souls can be reached with the message of redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is imperative that we increase the tempo of our evangelistic outreach. To the sinful shame of our churches, we are not gaining in proportion to the population growth. Last year we gained only 414 members in all of our churches with a combined membership of nearly 29,000 members. This means it took 70 members working all year long to gain one new member for our churches. It took ten church members working all year long to win one convert. This is deplorable.

Evangelist Hyman Appleman correctly charged that "lack of compassion is the curse of the churches, the crime of the pulpit, and the condemnation of the pew."

An estimated 95 per cent of our church members have never won a soul to Christ, and, worse, have never tried to do so, and, even more tragic, don't even care to win a sinner to the Saviour.

The rising generation is wrapped up in pursuit of the good life.

An alarming softness and decadence is overtaking us. The call for volunteers to obey the Great Commission falls largely on unheeding ears.

Therefore, as moderator, I recommend that this conference adequately support, both in prayer and finances, the greatly increased work of the Board of Evangelism in reaching men for Christ here in America.

Vision for the Next Ten Years

Our Brethren churches need a new vision for the future. In this day of defeat, discouragement and despondency, believers must set their eyes on the Lord and His program of vigor, vitality and victory for the next ten years. He is able!

The leadership in our churches and national organizations should clearly set the direction and fix some goals that need to be claimed by faith for His glory.

As your moderator, let me suggest just a few goals that should be reached in our fellowship of churches in the next ten years (if God should tarry), and then let me encourage you to claim by faith the goals that God will put upon your heart. Every church and organization should project some goals. Here are a few goals for your consideration:

1) Every church member win one soul a year. This appears to be an insignificant goal, but it would revolutionize The Brethren Church if every member would win one soul a year for the next ten years.

2) Every church should project a reasonable increase in membership and giving. The size of the increase should be determined by each local church.

3) Every national board should project an annual increase in the enlargement of its ministry and offerings. Grace Schools have set the pace with a well-defined projection for the next ten years. All of our other boards should plan to keep pace with the growth of our educational institutions.

4) Foreign Missions has indicated a goal of ten fields, a doubled missionary staff, and a one-million annual offering by 1975.

5) The Brethren Missionary Herald should set a goal of 15,000 in magazine circulation and a $40,000 annual offering by 1975.

Not only should there be a vision for ten years from now; we need a vision for this year. Each year should be plotted ahead, and then an inventory should be taken at the end of each year to determine the degree of progress.

This vision for tomorrow and the next ten years is in keeping with our Lord's words: "Be watchful . . . strengthen the things which remain."

Conclusion

Recently I read this story of John and Mary Gadsden who were wealthy people living in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. One day about forty years ago a missionary came to their little church and told them about the needs of China. John and Mary Gadsden answered God's call. They sold their beautiful estate and went to a missionary school in China. While they were in school a missionary came from Tibet to ask for volunteers to go to the borders of Tibet, where there was not a single missionary.

John and Mary went up to the missionary and said, "We will go." And they went—over deserts, over mountains, across treacherous rivers. Finally they reached Tibet, and there they settled down and worked among a tribe of people. They made friends, and they won souls for Christ as God prospered and blessed their ministry. One day their youngest child died of a terrible fever. Six days later their second child died. They dug the graves, and they buried them as their tears fell, and they decided to stay rather than go back home. Two weeks later Mary was ill with the same fever, and John knew she was dying. He knew he had to get her to a doctor, and there was no doctor less than three days' journey away at another mission station. So he made a little raft and put

t on the river, and he put Mary on it. They went down the river the first day, and then on the second day in the evening they pulled over to the bank to spend the night. The next morning when he got up and was fixing the raft, Mary said, "John, come in. I'm not going down the river today. I'm going over the river." He knew that was the end. Then she called him closer and whispered something in his ear. He dug that grave, and he buried his wife. He put up a little cross, and then he got back in the middle of the river on his raft. He looked down the river towards friends, home, money, and easy living. He looked back up the river where two days' journey would take him to the border of Tibet to a little handful of people just out of the Stone Age. He turned the raft slowly around and went slowly up the river, because Mary had whispered in his ear, "Go back."

What are you doing for Jesus Christ? His challenge to you is to deny yourself, your selfish ambitions, your selfish plans, and to take up His cross. Let us leave this conference to go out and touch our world for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us leave conference this year with new determination to heed the Lord's words: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die."

DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 15

The first devotional session of the 77th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Indiana, was led by Moderator Richard E. Grant. Conference song leader Donald Ogden led Conference in the singing of "Praise Him," "To God Be the Glory," and "Revive Us Again." Moderator Grant gave the welcome. Rev. Sherwood Durkee read Luke 9:18-26 and led in the opening prayer.

A beautiful vocal duet by Ruth Clingenpeel and Janet Minnix, "Living for Jesus," followed the announcements by the executive secretary, Earle E. Peer.

Vice-moderator Dean Fetterhoff presented his message on the theme of the 1966 conference: "As for Me and My House." This was a stirring message introductory to the conference theme, with messages following on the thought of the family. The closing hymn was "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Following this service, Clyde Landrum presented slides and told of the fine work being done by our twelve Brethren chaplains. He introduced Chaplain James Hutchens, recently returned from battle action in Viet Nam, who showed some slides of his activities in Viet Nam. This series was the first of the nine o'clock special features.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16

The Tuesday morning devotional session was opened with a special vocal number by Bernie Simmons, "When Jesus Comes." Following this Moderator Richard E. Grant presented the Moderator's Address, using the subject "The State of the Church." It was a clear-cut delineation of the state of our Brethren church; this was followed by a challenging outline of the potential of our denomination.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16

The Executive Committee added variety to the evening devotional services this year by giving the challenge hour a different place on the program. At the 7 p.m. hour Brethren Foreign Missions presented a challenge. Before this service began, a fine musical ensemble from the Brethren youth conference presented some numbers under the direction of Richard Messner. The youth conference group was present in a body for the service. In the foreign missions challenge hour there were testimonies by missionaries from Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, France, and Puerto Rico, with one of the outstanding features being the testimony of Wilson Okite, a young man who came from Kenya to study in Puerto Rico, and was saved there in the Brethren English-speaking work.

In the 7:45 phase of the evening devotional session Dr. David Allen gave the first of his series of messages using the subject, "Six Basic Characteristics of a Stalwart Soldier of the Saviour." This was an exposition of II Corinthians 4:1-6, dealing specifically with verses 1 to 3. This was a fine message, basic to the series of blessings to follow.

The 9 p.m. special feature was a touching service honoring Dr. Russell D. Barnard, retiring general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Dr. W. A. Ogden, vice-president of the FMS and a long-

ime friend of Dr. Barnard's, led out in he service. A gift of money was presented, testimonial letters from the mission fields were read, and a plaque, appropriately inscribed, was presented to Dr. Barnard for his meritorious service as general secretary over the past twenty years.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17

Rev. Russell Ogden read Hebrews 12:5-11 and led in the opening prayer for the Wednesday morning devotional service. Featured music was a vocal solo by Mrs. Dale Hostetler, "The Mighty Love of God." Dr. Bernard N. Schneider gave a fine exposition on proper child training in the Christian home, using the subject "The Discipline of the Christian Home."

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17

The challenge at 7 p.m. was a presentation of testimonies by pastors and workers in Brethren Home Missions. Colored slides were used to set forth the fine work being done by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

The conference ladies' choir presented special music under the direction of conference songleader Don Ogden. Also, there was special music by a group of seven ladies.

Scripture reading for the inspirational hour was Philippians 2:3-11 by Rev. Wesley Haller. Dr. David Allen continued his fine series of messages on the "Six Basic Characteristics of a Stalwart Soldier of the Saviour," stressing three thoughts: "not handling the Word of God deceitfully," a "manifestation of the truth," and "minds that are not blinded."

The 9 p.m. special feature was a presentation of "Home Mission Highlights in 1966," with Secretary Lester Pifer narrating a slide presentation.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18

Dr. Raymond Gingrich read Joshua 24:1-15 and led in the morning prayer for God's blessing on the service. Wayne Flory gave a beautiful vocal rendition of "The Wonder of It All." The message of the morning was by Rev. Harold Penrose. His was an enlightening message on the subject, "The Influence of the Christian Home on the Community."

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18

Grace College and Seminary and their ministry were presented in the challenge hour at 7 p.m. The program featured musical groups, a challenge by President Herman A. Hoyt, and enlightening reports of the work.

The evening inspirational hour was opened with a variety of spiritual blessings. Featured were the Choralaires, the Heralds of Grace, and a vocal solo by Mrs. James Kennedy. Rev. Kenneth Wilt read Ephesians 1:3-23 and led in the opening prayer. Dr. Allen, in dealing again with II Corinthians 4:1-6, emphasized the fact that "we preach not ourselves," as mentioned in verse 5.

The 9 p.m. special feature was a dedication service for the new Grace College dormitory for men. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, chairman of the Building Committee, presided and presented the other members of the committee. Committee member Clyde Landrum brought the dedicatory message. Following the dedication service open house was held at the new dorm, with large numbers of conference delegates attending.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19

Rev. Roy Glass read Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 17-25, and led in prayer opening the morning Bible hour. The Heralds of Grace quartet sang "From Calvary's Mountain." Professor Paul Fink gave a good message on the subject, "Training in the Christian Home for Christian Service," using Proverbs 22:6 as his text.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19

The Board of Evangelism, with Director Bill Smith presiding, presented the challenge hour at 7 p.m. Board members were on the platform, wearing

their special Board of Evangelism emblems. Featured special music for the hour was by a trio composed of Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. Russel Dunlap, and Mrs. R. M. Schneider. Messages were given by Evangelist Ron Thompson and newly-appointed Board of Evangelism evangelist Scott Weaver.

To open the evening inspirational hour, the conference choir, under the direction of Don Ogden, sang "Awake My Heart" and "Jehovah Reigns." Rev. Allen Herr read John 12:23-32 and led in prayer. Mr. Virgil Brock, author of "Beyond the Sunset," was called to the platform to tell the story of the writing of this world-famous song and to share in the singing of it. Hearts were blessed by the telling of the moving circumstances in which this great song was written. For his final message, Dr. David Allen read II Corinthians 4:7-17 and spoke on the theme, "The Ministry of Suffering." This was a fine message, climaxing a thrilling ministry of the Word on the part of this brother in the Lord.

The special feature for Friday evening was the presentation of colored slides by Dr. James Boyer on his trip to Palestine. These pictures gave real insight into the profitable trip that he had during the several months in the Holy Land area.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20

The final message on the family and its influence was brought by Rev. John Zielasko. His subject was "The Unique Virtues of the Christian Home." This concluded a profitable and practical series of messages on the general theme, "As for Me and My House."

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20

Those who have attended the Saturday night Brethren youth presentations at national conference know what a blessing they are. This year's presentation was another great one. A wide variety of good things made up the fine program of the evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

The final Sunday of the 1966 national conference was a great day. Sunday-school activities in cooperation with the Winona Lake Brethren Church, under the direction of the newly-formed Department of Christian Education, proved a real blessing. Many of the classes were taught by missionaries.

The morning worship service was led by retiring moderator Richard E. Grant. Dr. Russell D. Barnard brought the morning message and led in a dedication service for three missionary candidate couples—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hodgdon, Rev. and Mrs. James Renick, and Rev. and Mrs. George Wallace. One other couple under appointment but not present for the service of dedication were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDairmant. This was an impressive and inspiring service.

The afternoon joint home- and foreign-mission rally was directed by Rev. Lester Pifer, secretary for Brethren Home Missions, and Rev. John Zielasko, administrative assistant in Brethren Foreign Missions. Testimonies of the blessing of the Lord upon the various works were given.

In the evening service Dr. Orville D. Jobson shared his life testimony. This proved to be a fitting climax to a great series of devotional sessions of this 77th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

FIRST SESSION, AUGUST 16

The first business session of the 77th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches was officially opened by Moderator Richard E. Grant. Vice-moderator Dean Fetterhoff led in the opening prayer, asking for God's blessing on the session.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Membership Committee. They reported 405 lay delegates and 230 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 635.

A motion was made that the churches which were late in submitting their statistical report have their delegates seated. The motion was passed.

A motion prevailed to approve the list of churches in the 1965 **Brethren Annual,** deleting the name of the Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, as the official list of member churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Souderton, Pennsylvania, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Grace Brethren Church, Minerva, Ohio, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Grace Brethren Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Grace Brethren Church, Lexington, Ohio, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Grace Church of Defiance, Defiance, Ohio, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed to receive the Good News Brethren Church, Bowling Green, Ohio, into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Moderator announced the selection of Dr. Glenn O'Neal to fill a vacancy on the Rules and Organization Committee.

Motion prevailed to adopt the agenda as submitted by the executive secretary.

Motion prevailed to place the following persons in nomination for the various offices, these being the names submitted by the Nominating Committee:

MODERATOR
Glenn O'Neal
Charles Mayes

VICE-MODERATOR
Wesley Haller
Scott Weaver

SECRETARY
Clyde Landrum
Wendell Kent

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Phillip Simmons
Robert Whited

STATISTICIAN
Leslie Moore
Dean Walter

TREASURER
Frank Poland
Kenneth Herman

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Jack Peters
Earle Peer
Neil Beery
Gene Witzky
Sherwood Durkee
Victor Rogers

The following persons were nominated from the floor:

VICE-MODERATOR
Mark Malles

STATISTICIAN
Earle Cole

Motion prevailed to accept the further report of the Membership Committee.

Motion was made that the nominations cease, and that we proceed with the election of officers. The motion was passed.

A motion prevailed to place in nomination the following persons for membership on the national conference Executive Committee:

Allegheny: Paul Mohler, Max DeArmey
East: Alva Steffler, Don Rough
Florida: Gene Witzky
Indiana: Mark Malles, Sherwood Durkee
Iowa: Glen Welborn
Michigan: Gerald Kelley
Mid-Atlantic: Gerald Teeter, W. A. Ogden
Midwest: Robert Salazar
Northern Atlantic: Russell Weber
Nor-Cal: Charles Martin
Northern Ohio: Wesley Haller, Edward Lewis, R. Paul Miller
Northwest: Phillip Simmons
Southeast: K. E. Richardson, Charles Thornton
Southern California-Arizona: Harold Penrose, George Peek, Ward Miller, Lewis Hohenstein
Southern Ohio: Charles Lawson, John Neely

Motion prevailed to extend the time of the session by five (5) minutes.

Motion prevailed that the nominees to the Executive Committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches be elected.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Committee on Time and Place for National Conference, that the conference be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 14-20, 1967.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 17

Moderator Richard E. Grant opened the session with prayer.

A mimeographed report by the Membership Committee was distributed to the delegates. The committee reported additional delegates, eight (8) lay and three (3) ministerial, for a second-day total of 646. Motion prevailed that these delegates be seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rules and Organization Committee reported no election in the contest for vice-moderator and statistician, and an election was held for these two offices, voting on the two candidates with the highest vote in each case. Final tabulation in these two offices complete the following list of elected persons:
Moderator: Glenn O'Neal
Vice-moderator: Mark Malles
Secretary: Clyde Landrum
Assistant Secretary: Phillip Simmons
Treasurer: Frank Poland
Statistician: Earle Cole
Committee on Committees: Gene Witzk (chairman), Jack Peters, Earle Peer

Motion prevailed that the followin report of the Rules and Organizatio Committee on constitutional changes b adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RULES AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ON PROPOSE N.F.B.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We recommend that ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1 on the Executive Committee which now read "This committee shall be constituted of on member from each district of the Fellowship an one additional member for each twenty-fiv hundred church membership, or major fractio thereof. The incumbent moderator shall be member ex officio. This committee shall repo its organization to the conference before fina adjournment. It shall be the duty of this com mittee to make full and complete arrangement for the next general conference," shall be change to read: "This committee shall be elected fror nominees presented to the conference by th various districts and/or this conference. It shal be constituted of one member from each dis trict of the Fellowship and one additional mem ber for each twenty-five hundred church mem bers or major fraction thereof. The moderato and vice-moderator shall be members ex officio This committee shall report its organization t the conference before final adjournment. It shal be the duty of this committee to make full an complete arrangements for the next general con ference."

We recommend that ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2 on conference Membership Committee whic now reads, "This committee shall consist of si members elected by conference and the vice moderator who shall act as chairman. It shall b the duty of this committee to act as a committe on credentials and to provide a place at whic credentials and delegates' fees shall be receive as directed by the conference. This committe shall have no authority to withhold any properl executed credentials from the conference," shal be changed to read: "This committee shall consis of six members, two to be elected each yea for three-year terms. This committee shall effec its own organization and report the same to th conference. It shall be the duty of this commit tee to act as a committee on credentials, and t provide a place at which credentials and dele gates' fees shall be received as directed by th conference. This committee shall have no au thority to withhold any properly executed creden tials from the conference."

Motion prevailed that the report o the Committee on Committees be accepted, and that the names be placed in nomination and declared elected. (See pages 2, 3, and 4.)

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of the statistician:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year Ending December 31, 1965

District	No. Churches Reporting 1964	1965	Total 1965	Membership 1964	1965
Allegheny	11	12	12	1,549	1,578
East	16	16	16	2,610	2,631
Florida	4	5	5	426	431
Indiana	16	17	17	2,123	2,140
Iowa	9	9	9	909	976
Michigan	8	7	7	476	415
Mid-Atlantic	10	10	10	2,099	2,154
Midwest	6	6	7	440	541
No. Atlantic	9	10	10	937	971
Nor-Cal	7	6	6	491	504
Northern Ohio	23	23	23	3,992	4,273
Northwest	10	11	11	930	1,000
Southeast	14	14	15	2,134	2,216
So. Calif.-Ariz.	35	33	37	6,994	7,090
Southern Ohio	18	17	19	2,385	1,989
TOTALS:	196	196	204	28,495	28,909
INCREASES:			3		414
DECREASES:					

District	Sunday-school Enrollment 1964	1965	Sunday-school Attendance 1964	1965
Allegheny	1,958	1,834	1,411	1,388
East	3,315	2,897	2,550	2,232
Florida	911	1,037	653	706
Indiana	3,165	3,087	2,205	2,193
Iowa	1,419	1,442	989	1,014
Michigan	804	746	558	519
Mid-Atlantic	2,930	2,966	2,250	2,213
Midwest	723	704	531	576
No. Atlantic	1,566	1,791	1,199	1,332
Nor-Cal	850	867	548	551
Northern Ohio	5,200	5,291	3,660	3,729
Northwest	1,242	1,401	874	1,003
Southeast	2,612	2,531	1,913	1,920
So. Calif.-Ariz.	10,327	10,233	7,465	6,998
Southern Ohio	3,358	2,405	2,372	1,939
TOTALS:	40,380	39,232	29,178	28,313
INCREASES:				
DECREASES:		1,148		865

CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED

DISTRICT	
Midwest	Beaver City, Nebraska
So. California-Arizona	Arlington, California
	Glendora, California
	La Puente, California
	San Diego, California
Southeast	Starkey, Virginia
Southern Ohio	Dayton (Grace Brethren)
	Dayton (Patterson Park Brethren)

NEW CHURCHES REPORTING

DISTRICT	
Indiana	Sellersburg
Florida	Fern Park
North Atlantic	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
Northwest	Beaverton, Oregon

MEMBERSHIP (U.S.A.)

	1964	1965
Total membership at beginning of year	27,685	27,936
ADDED		
By letter from other denominations	198	225
By letter from other Brethren churches	489	429
By baptism	1,768	1,822
Other	216	172
Total additions	2,671	2,648
LOST		
To other denominations by letter	332	301
To other Brethren churches	436	376
By death	202	204
By dismissal	19	37
By roll revision	723	681
Other	149	76
Total losses	1,861	1,675
Net gain	810	973
Total membership at end of year	28,495	28,909
Trine-immersed membership reported	24,638	27,977
Male	12,212	12,331
Female	16,283	15,987

FOR OTHERS OFFERINGS DISBURSED
(Figures to Nearest Whole Dollar)

	1964	1965
Foreign missions total	$441,160	$470,276
Total support	181,007	260,175
General fund	206,431	154,482
Outfit Club	25,775	14,293
Total Brethren Foreign Missions	413,213	428,950
Non-Brethren foreign missions	27,947	41,326
Home missions total	249,558	299,226
General fund	164,806	199,082
Jewish	11,312	12,226
Navajo	19,483	22,583
Special	4,134	7,339
Total Brethren Home Missions	199,735	241,230
District missions	33,410	37,484
Non-Brethren	16,413	20,512
Christian education total	126,075	140,162
Grace College and Seminary total	82,275	85,323
Operating expenses	69,397	77,124
Building fund	5,568	4,642
Special	7,310	3,557
Sunday school total	16,365	20,027
National board	14,402	16,373
Other	1,963	3,654
Youth work total	21,986	22,941
Brethren Youth Council	16,617	15,532
Other	5,369	7,409
Other Christian education	5,449	11,871
Publications total	48,308	58,000
Brethren Missionary Herald	20,544	21,484
Radio	21,072	22,882
Special publications	6,692	13,634
Evangelism total	45,879	50,971
Evangelistic meetings love offerings	33,553	37,338
Board of Evangelism	7,643	8,529
Other	4,683	5,104
By auxiliary organizations		
Offerings disbursed for others	52,311	51,642
Total for others sent by 12/31	963,291	1,070,277
Total offerings for others held through 12/31	36,857	42,840

LOCAL CHURCHES' EXPENDITURES
(Figures to Nearest Whole Dollar)

	1964	1965
Bible school total	$199,026	$207,355
Equipment	28,601	38,154
Literature	148,938	143,071
DVBS supplies	21,487	22,271
Not designated		3,859
Building total	1,729,410	1,361,634
New buildings	894,303	577,933
Improvements	141,468	152,195
Building debt principle paid	423,534	381,857
Building debt interest paid	270,105	249,649
Christian day schools local expenses total	606,942	636,640
Buildings and improvements	8,851	3,845
Equipment	18,118	28,417
Operating expenses	296,269	220,670
Teachers' salaries	251,598	346,594

Building debt payments	32,106	37,114
Current local expenses total	1,871,835	1,942,519
Pastors' salary total	983,245	1,026,278
Base salary	731,413	750,323
Designated housing	88,772	86,093
Estimated parsonage rental	71,015	76,159
Allowance for utilities	26,220	29,311
Car allowance	48,817	50,437
Conference expense	17,008	33,955
Other regular salaries	301,687	280,480
Operational expenses: utilities, office supplies, maintenance, etc.	556,572	567,026
Evangelistic services expenses	12,709	14,715
Other and Bible conference expenses	17,622	54,020
Youth camps local expenses total	13,438	23,296
Camp buildings	1,473	9,507
Camp operation	5,337	4,195
Help for campers	6,628	9,368
Not specified		226
By auxiliary organizations for their own local expenses	44,460	57,116
Other local expenditures	109,883	157,713
Total local churches expenditures	4,574,994	4,386,273
Total expenditures for local and for others	$5,538,285	$5,456,550

SOURCES OF INCOME
(Figures to Nearest Whole Dollar)

	1964	1965
For local building fund and equipment total	$1,786,898	$1,701,443
Raised locally	878,468	963,900
By loans	498,239	527,834
BHMC appropriation	7,663	5,110
Other (fire ins., etc.)	402,528	193,289
Other		11,310
For pastors' salaries total	852,339	937,970
Paid by local churches	768,902	836,858
Paid by district mission board	7,787	9,412
Paid by BHMC	68,036	75,222
By other means	7,614	3,922

CURRENT CASH ASSETS

	1964	1965
End of year total	$358,352	$530,927
Local funds on hand	321,495	488,087
For others funds on hand locally	36,867	42,840

PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31

	1964	1965
Church buildings and lots	$14,644,220	$15,309,289
Church equipment	1,543,355	1,594,852
Parsonages	1,127,482	1,077,428
Other properties	3,090,853	2,870,875
Other investments	242,790	220,626
Local funds on hand	321,495	488,087
Total assets	$20,970,195	$21,561,157
Amount owed on church properties	5,539,354	5,625,085
Net worth	$15,430,841	$15,936,072
Increase in net worth	2,276,946	505,231

SERVICE STATISTICS

	1964 Attendance	1965 Attendance
Morning worship	24,111	23,968
Evening worship	13,596	13,742
Prayer meeting	7,485	7,460
Revival—evangelistic	10,012	10,031
Bible conferences	3,934	4,639
Missionary conferences	7,595	7,318
Sunday-school conferences	1,172	738
Communion	12,079	12,204
Other	3,683	3,997
Recorded conversions	2,986	3,091

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

	Enrolled	Attendance
Bible school		
Staff and teachers	4,362	3,818
Nursery, 0-3	2,462	1,784
Kindergarten, 4-5	2,808	2,062
Primary, 1-2-3 gr.	4,750	3,400
Junior, 4-5-6 gr.	4,776	3,466
Junior high, 7-8-9 gr.	3,297	2,412
Senior high, 10-11-12 gr.	3,024	2,140
Young people, 18-24 yrs.	1,955	1,256
Adults, 25 yrs.-over	12,129	8,065
Total	39,232	28,313
Extensions of the Bible school		
Cradle roll	871	
Home department	243	
Child Evangelism	1,996	1,457
Vacation Bible School pupils	18,212	15,444
Number on staff	3,415	3,007
Total DVBS	21,797	19,289
Summer camps		

	Enrollment Data—District	National
Directors	39	2
Teachers	89	1
Counselors	289	11
Other workers	119	2
Campers	2,672	162
Brethren youth work		
Fellowship groups	Enrolled	Attendance
Primary	519	432
Junior	917	755
Junior High	605	519
Senior High	939	731
Young people	140	170
Adults	402	379
Girls' work		
SMM		
Junior	998	889
Middler	601	538
Senior	448	373
Combination	292	243
Little Sisters	488	400
Pioneer Girls	320	293
Girls' Club	35	23
Boys' work		
Brigade CBS	673	540
Stockade	429	318
Brethren Boys' Club	145	106
Other	185	121
Women's Missionary Council	4,180	3,209
Laymen	1,144	1,124
Christian day schools		
Pupils		2,509
Graduates		224
Teachers		127
Other personnel		66

RELATIONSHIPS AND PERCENTAGES

	1965
FINANCIAL (Per Capita)	
Total annual expenditure	$189
Total local expenditure	152
Total giving for others	37
Foreign missions	16
Home missions	10
Education	5
Publications	2
Evangelism	1.76
Youth work	.79
National Sunday School Board	.58
ATTENDANCE (Per Cent of Membership)	
Morning worship	.83
Evening worship	.48
Prayer meeting	.26
Revival meetings	.35
Bible conferences	.16
Conversions recorded: 1 for every	9.4 members
Net membership gain: 1 for every	68.8 members

Respectfully submitted,
Earle R. Cole
National Statistician

Motion prevailed that the report of the National Sunday School Board, in the agenda for Wednesday, August 17, be omitted for the present time.

Motion prevailed that items 6 and 7 of the agenda for Wednesday be postponed, and that we deal with item 8.

Motion prevailed that the following recommendation by the Committee of Proposed Board of Christian Education be adopted:

We recommend the effecting of a Board of Christian Education through the amalgamation of the present National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council, and that the constitution of the National Conference of the N.F.B.C. be amended accordingly.

Motion was made that the following recommendation by the Committee of the Proposed Board of Christian Education be adopted:

We recommend that the N.F.B.C. constitution, Article six (6), Sections A and B, be consolidated to read:

"A. *The Board of Christian Education.* This board shall consist of 15 elected members, five to be elected each year for three-year terms from nominees presented by the Board of Christian Education and/or the conference. The national director of Christian education and the assistant director shall be members of the board ex officio. It shall be the duty of this board to study and promote the total work of Christian education in all phases and departments, including Sunday school, children's church, training hour, Vacation Bible School, camps, conferences, retreats, etc., and to recommend or provide suitable curricula and materials for the above. This shall be accomplished through research, promotion, assistance and encouragement at the local, district, and national levels."

Motion prevailed that this recommendation from the Committee of the Proposed Board of Christian Education be referred to the Committee on Rules and Organization.

Motion prevailed that the following recommendation by the Committee of the Proposed Board of Christian Education be adopted:

We further recommend that if this constitutional change is adopted, it be made effective 1969, and that in the intervening time the elected members of the present boards consolidated serve as the National Board of Christian Education, and that this board present to the conference a plan determining the constituted number of fifteen (15).

Motion was passed that the following recommendation from the Committee of Proposed Board of Christian Education be adopted:

We encourage the delegates of this conference to apprise their churches of this enlarged thrust of Christian education, which will necessitate enlarged financial support from every church of our fellowship.

Motion was made that the following recommendation from the Committee of the Proposed Board of Christian Education be adopted:

Whereas, the Brethren Youth Council enters this amalgamation with a deficit of $3,200, and,

Whereas, the financial support of the separate efforts of these two conference boards has been less than adequate, and,

Whereas, we should like to launch this new board on a sound financial basis,

We move that the 1966 national conference allocate $1,000 toward the support of this newly-established Board of Christian Education.

Motion prevailed that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn.

THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 19

The session was opened with prayer by Donald Ogden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion prevailed that the Grace Brethren Church of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Virginia, be received into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and that their delegates be seated.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Rules and Organization Committee be approved, and that the constitution be amended as follows:

We recommend that the N.F.B.C. constitution, Article 6, Sections A and B, be consolidated and changed to read:

"A. *The Board of Christian Education.* This board shall consist of 15 elected members, five to be elected each year for three-year terms from nominees presented by the Board of Christian Education and/or the conference. The national director of Christian education and the assistant director shall be members of the board ex officio. It shall be the duty of this board to study and promote the total work of Christian education in all its phases and departments, including Sunday school, children's church, training hour, Vacation Bible School, camps, conferences, retreats, etc., and to recommend or provide literature. This shall be accomplished through research, promotion, assistance and encouragement at the local, district, and national levels."

The following matter was presented by Mr. Robert Foltz:

The title of the new amalgamated board, the 'Board of Christian Education,' is most encompassing.

The work of the board of Christian education as practiced in many of the local churches is

proving to be very important and effective and is in many cases a major directive force in the ministry of the church.

To most quickly and aggressively buy up the opportunities of a neglected field and to promote and expand the scope and effectiveness of the ministry of The Brethren Church in the field of Christian education, it would seem the better part of wisdom to charge a regularly-constituted board or agency with the responsibility of increasing interest and participation in the day school movement among Brethren churches and encouraging and assisting specific churches to enter into this area of ministry.

I therefore move that the responsibilities of the newly-formed Board of Christian Education be expanded to include the work of the Christian Day School Committee, and that this committee be disbanded and that the newly-founded Board of Christian Education be charged with the urgent responsibility of a study of the problem and assist in an aggressive program of encouragement and help in establishing and operating day schools throughout our fellowship.

The motion was passed.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the National Sunday School Board, including the financial statement:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

This year has been one of real blessing and has brought with it a new appreciation of the hand of our God upon us. There have been some outstanding moments of blessing as we have seen men, women and youth in our Sunday schools across the nation yielding themselves to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Illustrations of this have been numerous, and for every one of these, together with those who have grown spiritually through the faithful teaching of our Sunday-school workers, we can but praise God.

There have also been some moments of disappointment. Through recent months, we have seen a number of our schools showing losses in both enrollment and attendance. This has been a year of attack upon the Sunday schools of America. Perhaps as never before in our history, the Sunday school, the Sunday-school teacher, and even the Sunday-school pupil have been the prime target of both secular and some religious writers. The Sunday school through their pens has been made the prime object of degrading until even in the minds of some evangelical believers, this great evangelistic and teaching arm of the church seems to have outlived its usefulness. We do not here and now expect to answer all of the critics of the Sunday-school movement. We admit that there are some weaknesses in some Sunday schools, but so are there in every other phase of human life. Suffice it to say that the Sunday schools of America, and particularly of The Brethren Church, continue to be a strong arm of evangelism, teaching and training.

In spite of the fact that our statistician will report some slight losses in the total Sunday-school program of The Brethren Church, we are still praying and directing our efforts with renewed emphasis toward the program of "Doubling in This Decade." We dare not do less. In attempting to analyze our present condition, we find that 99 of our schools during 1965 showed gains in enrollment, 92 showed losses, six remained static, and four new schools were begun. Three schools were closed. One other did not file a statistical report. These that were closed, together with the one who did not file a report, account for 924 of the loss sustained in our national statistics as over against 1964. In average attendances, 104 schools reported gains, while 93 schools reported losses. The three schools closed account for 172 persons in actual average attendances, and the school which did not file a report adds 464 persons, or a total of 636 in average attendance, as far as statistics are concerned. Your National Sunday School Board is making a close analysis of these statistics, and attempting to discover the answers to our losses. We shall not relax our efforts until every possible avenue has been pursued with the effort to reach all of these that have been lost, and then add to them in a real outreach program.

We are therefore calling upon every church and Sunday school to double its efforts in the year that lies ahead, beginning with a great enlargement effort in the month of October and continuing literally to "beat the drum for Sunday-school attendance every Sunday." This will increase attendance in our churches, which will solve many problems of the local church in attendance, interest, finances, and service. We invite you to help us in this enlargement effort.

We thank God for the wonderful Sunday-school convention through which we have just come. This was our 14th annual convention, and many have already spoken to us of the tremendous blessing it was to them personally, and I am sure to the schools which they represent. Plans for the 15th convention are on the drawing board, and we trust that if the Lord tarries His coming until 1967, we may see an even greater convention.

We express to every Sunday school and church that has had a part in helping us in our financial program, our deep appreciation. It is only as you have shared with us that we have been enabled to do the work that God has called us to do. The entire board joins in saying, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and "Thank you" to every church and individual that shared.

To build larger schools, however, is not sufficient for the day. We must continue to show improvement in every Sunday school. Therefore, we are putting additional emphasis during 1967 upon the matter of leadership training, with the appeal that every Sunday school will plan and conduct regular monthly workers training conferences, and that we shall expect every teacher and officer of every school to be in regular attendance. We are further recommending and urging every school to conduct at least one training class for leaders, both present and future leaders, during the early months of 1967.

A loyalty campaign will again be in our program for 1967. Last year we laid this part of our program aside, but we are convinced that we need to continue to urge faithfulness upon our people; therefore, we shall provide materials for a loyalty program during the weeks following Easter.

The regular features of our department will be continued through the publication of our monthly "Promoter," "Super Scoops," "Books Off the Shelf," and, of course, the contest which has drawn so much enthusiasm from so many of our churches.

We express appreciation to the entire staff of the Sunday-school office and to those who labor with us to make this work so wonderful.

The books of the National Sunday School Board have been audited by the national conference auditing committee and found to be in good condition. The auditing committee will report further on this item.

Recently a major newspaper of the United States began a long article with this statement: "The Sunday school—long the symbol of American Protestant education—is going through a major crisis." The article went on to declare that some churches have already abandoned Sunday schools entirely, while others have tried to revive them with paid teachers, arsenals of visual equip-

ment, and bold new curricula. Your National Sunday School Board recognizes that it has always faced a major crisis in the life of men and women—the crisis is sin! There is only one cure—Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. As a National Sunday School Board, we know we are in a battle with the arch enemy of the Lord, but our Lord has never lost a battle. We shall continue, through the teaching of His Word, to meet the onslaughts of the enemy. We dare not call a retreat. We dare only to obey His command to *go-teach-reach-win-train* and then *enlist* so that others may go, teach, reach, win, and train.

The article from this newspaper concludes, "I am ready to give up on Sunday school." The author may—but we do not believe the way he believes. Our challenge is that the hour has come that we ought to beat the drum for Sunday school more vigorously, more readily, more regularly than ever before.

Yours for bigger and better Sunday schools,
Harold H. Etling, *Director*

Statement of Operation of
The National Sunday School Board
For Year Ending December 31, 1965

Income		
Church offerings		$16,409.14
Conference and convention offerings		1,221.53
Honoraria		1,279.01
Special offerings		895.18
Consideration		1,500.00
Supply sales—materials	16,066.62	
Less materials cost	14,975.92	
Less materials postage	469.69	621.01
Service sales		1,131.15
Filmstrip rental		419.50
Total income		$23,476.52
Expenses		
Salaries	16,521.87	
Travel expense	2,682.52	
Office postage	1,319.62	
Office supplies	346.89	
Rent	720.00	
Telephone and telegraph	374.25	
Administrative expense	725.04	
Social Security	320.33	
Promotion	203.16	
Office expense	417.59	
Miscellaneous	135.23	
Hospitalization	543.12	
NSSB convention program	912.29	
Depreciation	941.68	
Indiana sales tax	5.48	
Insurance	176.30	
Total expenses		$26,345.37
Expenses over income		$2,868.85

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of
The National Sunday School Board
December 31, 1965

Assets:		
Cash	$1,917.67	
Equipment reserve	635.84	
Total cash		$2,553.51
Accounts receivable	2,508.37	
Less reserve for bad debts	311.40	2,196.97
Office equipment	9,835.14	
Less: Equity of other boards	180.00	
Reserve for depreciation	5,538.82	4,116.32
Filmstrips	2,840.64	
Less reserve for depreciation	900.00	1,940.64
Inventory		4,298.06
Total assets		$15,105.50
Liabilities and Net Worth		
Accounts payable	$2,349.83	
Notes payable	1,500.00	
Amount due H. H. Etling	318.00	
Accrued taxes payable	167.93	
Total liabilities	4,335.76	
Net worth	10,769.74	
Total liabilities and net worth		$15,105.50

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Brethren Youth Council, including the financial statement:

1966 BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

"Let no man despise thy youth," wrote the great Apostle, and we might paraphrase, "Let no Brethren church belittle the present potential of its teen-agers." We praise the Lord that not all young people are addicted to beatlemania, beatnikism, disco-freakity and other popular signs of rebellion current in the teenage world. And some of the finest of these young people are in our Brethren churches, excellent examples of whom are on the youth conference grounds this week and will appear on this platform Saturday.

Our youth director, Dan Grabill, has completed a spiritually profitable year, visiting churches in ten districts, conducting rallies, workshops and services of real impact. Accompanied by a camp team of three sharp teenagers, he visited six district camps. He will continue his ministry under the merged Board of Christian Education.

One of the greatest thrusts planned for the coming year is in the field of enlisting and recruiting young people for full-time Christian service and conserving them for this service. The organization of Brethren Student Life Volunteers within our church has helped in this, and will be continued and strengthened. A quarterly paper is now mailed to more than one hundred who have committed themselves to this ministry, and we have no doubt that this number will be increased through this year's capacity youth conference.

One means of accomplishing this goal will be through cooperation with Christian Missions Recruiting Service, an interdenominational, evangelical organization with a four- to seven-year follow-up program operated by mail and in the local church, with the cooperation of the pastor.

Through our "Teens in Missionary Endeavor" program, 12 young people were involved in four Brethren home-mission fields this summer. We believe this program is conducive to stimulating and training young people for missionary service, and plan to continue and enlarge it. In cooperation with our Foreign Missionary Society, we plan to use young people on our foreign fields on a short term basis, proving their abilities and interest in such service. Several Brethren young people are currently engaged in such missionary activity, but mostly outside Brethren Church channels because we do not yet have such opportunities for them. Our Foreign Missionary Society is enthusiastic about these possibilities, and we will be working closely together on this project.

In the field of publications, our "Teenage Tymes," "Dimensions" for youth leaders, and "Teen Scene" in the *Missionary Herald* helped to keep our youth informed of overall activities. These will be continued, despite the loss of Kenn Sanders to our full-time staff in the office. In addition, we are anticipating publishing an eight-page youth supplement to the *Missionary Herald* twice in 1967, with hopes of increasing the frequency later.

We appreciate greatly the loyal support in prayers and finances of so many of our Brethren churches and people. The accompanying financial report will summarize this story. We have

had to operate partially on borrowed funds this year, but anticipate, with your help, wiping out this small indebtedness very soon. We are extremely happy about the merger of the Sunday-school and youth boards into the Board of Christian Education, believing this will enlarge and strengthen the programs of both interests. It should not, and will not, curtail what we have done or planned, but only enhance these activities with greater purpose and coordinate them more fully into the total Christian education program of The Brethren Church. We covet your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Colburn, *President*

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1965

Current Assets		
Cash in bank		$670.71
Petty cash		20.00
Accounts receivable		229.19
Notes receivable		726.44
Total current assets		$1,646.34
Fixed Assets—Note A		
Office equipment	4,023.63	
Other equipment	442.52	
Total fixed assets		$4,466.15
Total assets		$6,112.49
Current Liabilities		
Accrued taxes payable		$254.18
Notes payable		1,000.00
Total current liabilities		$1,254.18
Net Worth		
Balance January 1, 1965		$5,550.16
Excess of expense over income		691.85
Balance December 31, 1965		$4,858.31
Total liabilities and net worth		$6,112.49

Note A—Fixed assets are stated at cost. No provision has been made for depreciation.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1, 1965, to December 31, 1965

Income		
Contributions—Churches		$9,488.99
Contributions—Women's Missionary Council		20.59
Contributions—Sisterhood of Mary and Martha		200.00
Contributions—Brethren Youth Fellowship		210.08
Contributions—Youth partner		837.60
Contributions—Summer missionaries		1,087.59
Contributions—Youth evangelism		908.84
Contributions—General conference		951.44
Contributions—Individual		2,183.50
Youth conference		7,204.45
General conference subsidy		1,000.00
Sale of merchandise	$904.59	
Less merchandise purchases	631.96	272.63
Miscellaneous		71.29
Total income		$24,437.00
Expenses		
Payroll		$9,711.96
University Letter		46.35
Teenage Tymes		511.55
Quiz books		473.49
Office supplies		626.48
Postage		561.18
Travel		1,961.69
Telephone		382.63
Rent		480.00
Board expense		206.00
Insurance		105.82
National youth conference		6,959.74
Summer missionaries		943.32
Quiz team competition awards		943.11
Promotion		49.22
Office expense		269.07
Social Security tax		428.77
Youth Week		32.95
Miscellaneous		435.52
Total expenses		$25,128.85
Excess expense over income		$691.85

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Committee on Revision of Statistical Report Form:

Minor changes in the revised statistical forms are being made to bring them in line with conference actions, and to clarify and correct the reports. In order to facilitate the work of this committee, we recommend that the Statistician be an ex-officio member of this committee by virtue of his office.

The following motion was made:

That the committee named "Revision of Statistical Report" be changed to read "Statistical Review"' Committee, and that their present annual duties be broadened to include an early review of the statistical report and report to Annual Conference:

1) Any significant statistics or trends which, in their opinion, should be brought to the attention of the delegates of the NFBC;
2) Pertinent goals and/or suggestions which would give direction for the improvement of our ministry for our blessed Lord.

The motion was passed.

A motion prevailed to extend the time of this session long enough to care for a matter of constitutional revision.

A motion prevailed to amend the constitution as recommended by the Rules and Organization Committee. (See minutes of the second business session, page 18.)

NOTE: You will find the complete and revised National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Manual of Procedure (constitution) printed at the end of the business session section. See pages 32, 33, 34, 35.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 19

This session was opened with prayer by Robert Russell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, as corrected.

The Membership Committee reported one additional ministerial delegate, bringing the delegate total for the 1966 Annual Conference to 413 lay and 234

ministerial, with a grand total of 647. This additional delegate was seated.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on International Fellowship of Brethren Churches:

The suggestion of an International Fellowship of Brethren Churches was first presented at the national conference in 1963 when Pastor Simon Pierre Nambozouina from Africa was present. Since that time this committee has contacted responsible Brethren on all seven of our mission fields, and responses continue to point out the difficulties involved in the realization of such a fellowship for the present, due to language barriers and financial limitations. We recommend, however, that we continue correspondence with Brethren churches in other countries proposing an annual exchange of greetings to be cared for by this committee.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the following report by the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits:

That we as a Conference express our deep appreciation to Dr. Charles H. Ashman, Sr., for his faithful service and excellent leadership for fifteen (15) years' service as the first president of the Board of Ministerial Benefits, and previous service on the committee of this Conference which led to the formation of the above-mentioned board.

A motion prevailed that the following report by the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits be adopted:

Your Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits is currently paying 15 monthly retirement checks totaling $800. Three of these are to widows. There is a possibility of one more widow, making a total of 16 before next month.

These retirement payments are made possible by the contribution of 3 per cent of the pastor's salary by the 71 cooperating churches and 1 per cent of the pastor's salary by the pastor.

As this retirement list grows we shall have to have more support. The work of this board has proven to be of real help to those who have served the brotherhood for many years. The retirement age is 65, with a graduated scale for disability before age 65.

The following persons were nominated for three-year terms on the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits: William H. Schaffer, Melvin Fisher, and Earl M. Key.

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease and that these three be declared elected.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Cash Balance
January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965

	Total	Ministers Account	Emergency Account	Retirement Fund
RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS				
Contributions	$9,195.18	$4,129.36	$852.73	$4,213.09
Interest on investments and loans	1,679.50	184.00	345.50	1,150.00
Transfer from foreign missionaries	1,486.52	945.00		541.52
Transfer from Ministers Account	169.44			169.44
Total recorded cash receipts	$12,530.64	$5,258.36	$1,198.23	$6,074.05
CASH DISBURSEMENTS				
Transfer to foreign missionaries	$541.52	$541.52		
Insurance premiums	3,354.45	3,354.45		
Transfer to Retirement Fund	169.44	169.44		
Retirement payments	7,100.00			$7,100.00
Operating expenses:				
Secretary service	$295.00			
Honorarium	200.00			
Audit	40.00			
Treasurer's bond	25.00			
Planning service	100.00			
Office and administrative	120.50			
Printing and art work—bulletins	574.94			
*Total operating expenses	$1,355.44		$338.86	$1,016.58
Total cash disbursements	$12,520.85	$4,065.41	$338.86	$8,116.58
EXCESS OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS	$9.79	$1,192.95	$859.37	$(2,042.53)
CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1965	1,657.59	1,915.29	1,475.15	(1,732.85)
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1965	$1,667.38	$3,108.24	$2,334.52	$(3,775.38)

NOTE: This statement is prepared on the cash basis and therefore does not reflect amounts of uncollected receipts or unpaid bills. It was not practicable to verify loans and investments, but based on balances as recorded as of December 31, 1964, and reflecting current period cash transactions, the value of loans and investments as of December 31, 1965, amounts to $39,090, which added to cash in bank of $1,667.38 results in a combined asset value of $40,757.38 as of December 31, 1965.

*Prorated on the basis of 25 per cent charged to Emergency Account and 75 per cent charged to Retirement Fund.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Board of Evangelism:

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
REPORT OF THE MINISTRIES OF THE EVANGELISTS

July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966

Number saved	93
Number rededications	183
Other types of decisions	51
Average offering per meeting	$180.23
Average attendance per crusade	94
Total number of crusade meetings	29
Full 8-day crusades conducted by Ron Thompson	24
Full 8-day crusades conducted by Bill Smith	5
Soul-winning conferences conducted by Bill Smith	12
Total offering for film	$172.50

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand, July 1, 1965		$4,023.21
Offerings from crusade meetings, soul-winning conferences and laymen's groups	$13,854.74	
Miscellaneous receipts	1,153.59	
Total		19,031.54
Expenditures:		
Salaries	10,337.00	
Travel expenses	2,800.00	
Operating expenses	3,160.16	
Total expenditures		16,297.16
Balance on hand, June 30, 1966		2,734.38

The following four names were placed in nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Evangelism: Dean Fetterhoff, Mason Cooper, Neil Beery, and Edward Lewis.

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease, and that these be declared elected.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Committee on Denominational Interests:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL INTERESTS

In these days of a mobile population we are deeply concerned over the number of Brethren who are annually lost to the membership of our denomination when they move from one locality to another.

Therefore, the Committee on Denominational Interests recommends to this conference:

1. That we institute a *member conservation program* throughout the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. All pastors would be urged to cooperate when any of their members move to a new area by notifying immediately the Brethren pastor nearest to the community into which the individual or family has moved, so that an immediate contact can be made. In the event there is no nearby Brethren church, the pastor would maintain contact with the isolated member, meanwhile notifying the secretaries of the district mission board and the Brethren Home Missions Council.

In order to provide a uniform procedure for this program, all churches would be supplied with a double, return postcard form, with which the pastor could notify the proper party—who in turn would return the other half of the card as soon as the contact had been made.

2. We further recommend that Brethren moving to other Brethren churches transfer their membership to their new Brethren church as soon as possible.

3. We further recommend that these cards, along with a letter of instruction, be printed and mailed to all pastors by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, the initial cost (estimated to be approximately $75.00), to be borne by this conference in order to get this program under way. The copy for both the cards and the letters will be supplied by the committee. Additional cards will be stocked by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

4. We further recommend that we seek the cooperation of the Brethren Missionary Herald by asking them to send address changes which are made to other cities or towns, to the proper pastor or secretary at conference expense.

5. Further, in order to help conserve our youth for leadership in our Brethren churches, we recommend that our pastors inform the Brethren Youth Council of all students attending schools other than Grace Schools in order that personal contact may be maintained throughout student days.

6. Finally, we recommend that this member conservation program be publicized through the pages of the *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Hammers, chmn.
Neil Beery
Ralph Burns
Paul Fink
Sam Horney
Harold Painter
Robert Whited
William Schaffer

There was a motion to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee, as amended:

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

At this 77th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches assembled at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 15-21, 1966, we, the delegates representing our member churches, do hereby declare:

That we offer thanks to our Heavenly Father for His continual faithfulness to us in blessing His Word and His work. We petition our God that this blessing may continue and expand and that we may have an ever-increasing impact for true godliness upon those to whom we minister. We recognize the power of God and His ability to reveal himself through His Word and through His Son, welcoming His activity in the affairs of men in ways sometimes miraculous. We affirm that man's need for God is his chief need in this sinful world.

Be it therefore set forth:

RESOLVED: We reaffirm our position with regard to the Holy Scriptures. We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally inspired Word of God in the original autographs and that the Scripture is inerrant, infallible, and absolutely authoritative in all its statements whether theological, historical, or scientific.

THEREFORE, we further resolve to commit ourselves to the preaching of "THE BIBLE, THE WHOLE BIBLE, AND NOTHING BUT THE BIBLE," reaffirming our conviction that "The Message of the Brethren Ministry" best represents our united interpretation of the basic truths found in the Bible, and we pledge ourselves to the continuance of the beliefs and practices set forth in this document.

RESOLVED: That the delegates to this conference return to their respective churches with

new dedication to God and desirous of living and encouraging others to live, lives which show forth the principles defined in the Word of God. Recognizing that God has chosen human channels through whom His message is carried, we determine to keep these channels clean and usable through Bible study, prayer, and a sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God.

RESOLVED: That we deplore the trend toward world-wide ecumenical unity, believing that such movements sacrifice truth for organization. We further affirm our belief in the spiritual unity of the true church and stand ready to cooperate with others of like precious faith in evangelistic and humanitarian efforts.

We further deplore the action of the National Council of Churches for its left wing activity in politics, its support of the ecumenical movement which would unite all liberals, and its part in the World Council of Churches recently held at Geneva, where communist-controlled clergy were active in formulating the socialistic program of the World Council of Churches. Therefore, we commend the action of the American Council of Christian Churches in its fight to maintain religious liberty in the state of Pennsylvania, and preserve free religious speech on radio.

RESOLVED: We are opposed to the ever-increasing exercise of the power of the courts of our country, which for the most part have been non-Christian and even anti-Christian in many of their decisions regarding religious freedom and the Word of God. Seeing the trend toward lower standards of conduct in the integrity and morals of government, we will endeavor to aid our nation by purposing to use our influence against this trend, by making our convictions heard, and by involving ourselves where it is deemed wise, supporting the laws of our land in all good conscience before the Lord.

RESOLVED: That realizing that Christ died for all men, in order to unite in one body all who are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ, we continue to welcome into our fellowship, without social or racial distinction, those who in sincerity share our beliefs in the doctrines and ordinances practiced by The Brethren Church.

RESOLVED: Whereas international communism has declared as its avowed purpose the submerging of the whole world in a demoralizing, anti-Christian philosophy against which we stand unalterably opposed, we avow our purpose to warn all men everywhere of the dangers inherent in embracing the communistic views. We urge our constituents to favor only those local and national leaders who will go on record as opposing this world-wide movement against righteousness. We dedicate ourselves to work unceasingly for the spreading of the gospel as the only true alternative to this and all other anti-Christian ideologies.

RESOLVED: We desire to see a continually increasing emphasis on Christian education beginning at the nursery and following through the elementary grades, secondary grades, college and graduate school. We encourage our churches to become involved in education and desire to express our gratitude to those churches especially which have undertaken elementary and high school programs trusting that this will increase the numbers and quality of students entering our denominational institutions of higher learning. We further realize that this will call for increased dedication of our material means to the Lord, and we encourage the members of our churches to increase their investment in Christian education at all levels.

RESOLVED: That to foster the well being and success of our national organizations and several boards which fulfill our cooperative interests in the work of the Lord, we commit ourselves to support these institutions with our prayers and our financial gifts, to encourage, to promote, to speak well of, and even, if necessary, to turn a deaf ear to the vengeful criticisms which so easily arise in the fleshly weaknesses of men, realizing that God's blessing has been upon these works in a wonderful way. We desire that among these blessings afforded to our denomination by the Lord, we expressly mention with thanksgiving to God the following: Brethren Home Missions, Brethren Foreign Missions, Grace College and Seminary, the Brethren Missionary Herald, the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism, and the Board of Ministerial Benefits. In the light of the scriptural admonition that "to whom much is given, much shall be required," we covenant to undertake the undergirding and sustaining of these precious gifts from the Lord and covenant to rejoice in their victories and treat their shortcomings with the same godly fear as David on the occasion when he cut off the hem of Saul's garment and refused to harm the Lord's anointed.

RESOLVED: That we recognize and set forth our appreciation of our laymen whose loyalty and dedication have been a blessing to the work of God. We further encourage them to undertake an immensely greater work across our nation than even that which they have already begun in the fostering of an increased vision and corresponding effort to bring every Brethren church to a substantial growth pattern in the near future.

RESOLVED: That we express our gratitude to God for the gift to our churches of those faithful pastors and teachers as set forth in the Scripture. Realizing that these are the God-ordained undershepherds of the flock, as a denomination we pledge ourselves to their prayerful ministries. We further encourage our men to place strong emphasis on the great doctrines of the faith and the theology systematically accepted in our fellowship, knowing full well that any and all problems we may face are well approached by the pastor in a strong pulpit ministry.

RESOLVED: That we express our appreciation to the leadership of this conference and our entire program as a denomination. We commend them to the God of Heaven, who, above all others, is the giver of rewards to the worthy.

RESOLVED: That since true denominational spirituality may not be separated from the individual, we all pledge ourselves to look for, long for and anxiously await the return of our Lord, realizing that very soon He may break through the clouds, and with the sound of the trump, call His own, both the dead and the living, to His own presence, where alone is found perfect rest.

John Mayes, chmn.
Vernon J. Harris
Herman H. Hein

This motion was passed.

There was a motion to amend the report of the Resolutions Committee, to delete the part that has to do with the appointment of a committee to consider the possibilities of affiliating with the American Council of Churches. Passed.

A motion prevailed to amend the report of the Resolutions Committee to indicate that the emphasis on Christian education should begin with nursery instead of with kindergarten. Passed.

Motion prevailed to request the Resolutions Committee to bring in a resolution to deal with appreciation for the

work of the Women's Missionary Council.

The motion to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee, as amended, was passed.

A motion passed that we adjourn.

FIFTH SESSION, AUGUST 19

Rev. Robert Burns led in the opening prayer.

Motion prevailed that the following report from the Resolutions Committee be accepted:

That we express our appreciation to the women of our fellowship for their concern for our church and their abundant efforts in behalf of such fruitful works as WMC and SMM. We urge them to join with even greater vigor the great work of our fellowship toward the reversal of the downward trend in the growth pattern of our denomination.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Committee on the Moderator's Address:

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

In order to strengthen those things which remain, we, the Committee on Moderator's Address, make the following report:

1. We commend Rev. Richard Grant, our moderator, for the clear presentation of his message, "The State of the Church," and for pinpointing a Holy Spirit solution for revival in our churches.

2. May it be the desire of this conference to take aggressive action in the area of being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is to be implemented by:

(a) Each of us at national conference being assured by the Word of God that we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

(b) We hereby know that this filling will destroy the works of the flesh, which include a schismatic party spirit.

(c) Being now joined together in love, we are going to begin to think in terms of multiplying the witness of the gospel that God has given to us.

3. Now that we have taken decisive action in the realm of the Spirit, we will take as a mandate:

(a) A personal goal to be grounded in the Word of God; to pray without ceasing for revival; and to share our faith with the untold millions of earth.

(b) A congregational goal to form expansion committees in our local churches to set faith goals in soul winning and to increase giving to mission outreach both locally and nationally.

(c) This in turn will allow our national boards to follow the moderator's direction for the vision of tomorrow, which will be:

(1) A one-million-dollar annual income in ten years for Foreign Missions, with a doubling of mission personnel and increasing our fields from seven to ten.

(2) To liquidate the present indebtedness in Brethren Home Missions and establish a surplus in the council's treasury for the next year, in order that we may further the work of church extension, with at least one new church in each district.

(3) That Grace Schools will be able to carry on its program with the full support of the brotherhood.

(4) To encourage our local congregations to turn the tide in Sunday-school decline by supporting the goals of the Board of Christian Education.

(5) That there will be a 100 per cent *Herald* subscription for every church, making the *Herald* a missionary, evangelistic arm for revival.

We further commend our moderator for his observations on the work of the chaplaincy and Christian day schools within our fellowship.

We further recommend that we heed the word of our moderator in the exhortation to evangelize through the local church, using God's tool, the Board of Evangelism. This work must grow to accomplish Christ's commission to reach every soul with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

May each ministerial and lay delegate go back with a passion to carry out our moderator's mandate in our local churches.

We also recommend that the Moderator's Address be printed in *The Brethren Annual*.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Welborn
Sherwood Durkee
William Tweeddale

A motion prevailed to accept the report by the Committee on Homes for the Aged:

The Committee on Homes for the Aged is existing for the purpose of receiving questions and inquiries from those of our organization who have interest in seeing the development of this kind of project within our Brethren organization. It would be glad to use any information that it possesses to meet inquiries which any may wish to direct to it.

During the period since last national conference there has been one exploration project launched by the committee. The churches of one district (Southern California-Arizona) were contacted with a letter requesting that an inquiry be made in the congregations involved to determine if there was an appreciable amount of concern on the part of individuals for the establishing of a home for the aged in Southern California. This district was selected because of its number of churches and also because there was a key individual expressing willingness to become actively involved in the establishing of a home. However, a very meager amount of response was realized from the project, indicating clearly that as of this moment any aggressive movement would not be the part of wisdom.

This committee invites comments and suggestions from any in the brotherhood.

Motion prevailed to accept the following report by the Committee on Selective Service:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON SELECTIVE SERVICE

Your Committee on Selective Service met once during the year, and stands ready to serve as called upon.

The committee makes the following report:

Due to the present world unrest morally, spiritually, socially, and especially politically,

We, your Committee on Selective Service, desire to place the following recommendations before this Conference:

1. That we renew our historic stand with relation to war: namely, that The Brethren Church from her origin has been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical forces as a means to an end on the part of the children of God. We regard the governments of the world system as being yet unregenerate, and their methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war

is a possible method for the attainment of justice, or the securing and maintenance of human liberty, may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system, yet according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His children, do not belong to this world's system, and its methods are not our own. We are in the world, but not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and we must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States as the nation God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection. We gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary to bind up its wounds or heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him.

2. That copies of the above recommendation be sent to the Secretary of Defense of the United States, and to the Selective Service Board.

3. That we recommend to all our pastors that they keep themselves and their constituencies fully informed as to this time-honored position of The Brethren Church.

Phillip J. Simmons, chmn.
Gerald Kelly
Galen Lingenfelter

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Stewardship Committee:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The National Committee of Stewardship has viewed with concern the continuing need for a national program of education in Christian stewardship. We believe that the time has come when definite steps in this direction must be taken if we are properly to strengthen the work of our local fellowships.

We recommend that a standard be established to evaluate the stewardship emphasis of the local church and that recognition of progress in this area be made at national conference each year.

We further recommend that the Committee on Committees give careful consideration in the presentation of names for office each year to provide for continuity in the plans and programs of the Stewardship Committee.

The Stewardship Committee, also, commends the program of our national boards in the continuing efforts to encourage stewardship through the ministry of the Brethren Financial Planning Service, directed by Brother Leo Polman.

Finally, we recommend that each of our members in the local church re-evaluate his personal devotion to Christ with regard to his giving in the light of the fact that giving is a reflection of spiritual state.

John M. Aeby, chmn.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Committee on Race Relations:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

This committee was formed and made its first report at the Long Beach national conference one year ago.

The full report was published in the monthly *Pastors Herald*, and later in the minutes of the conference in *The Brethren Annual*.

The invitation was extended to our pastors to communicate to the committee any information or suggestions thought by them to be of value in further consideration of the problem. Your committee received no such communication during the year.

We recommend that our churches make a re-study of this report, found on pages 28 and 29 of the October 30, 1965, *Brethren Annual*.

We again confirm our position as opposing civil disobedience and related practices as spelled out in said previous report. We also continue our affirmation of responsibility to take the gospel to all men regardless of race or ethnic origin. We especially stress the fact of our responsibility to the several minority groups in our land.

We recommend that careful consideration be given by a properly constituted group, perhaps the Home Missions Council as per action of the 1965 Conference as follows:

"I move that this Conference request the Brethren Home Missions Council to consider the advisability of establishing and administering a special fund for the establishing and administering a special fund for the purpose of implementing the report of the special Committee on Race Relations, especially in relation to Negro people, and report to next year's Conference."

We recommend an experiment in working in the area of reaching those of some minority group in one of our churches where such action is feasible both as to the desire of the church and the available community circumstances.

It is the feeling of the committee that a community "mission" to the people involved is not the answer to the problem.

We further recommend that we work with evangelical groups in this field, such, for example, as the NNAE or the National Association of Evangelicals.

Finally, we recommend that we recognize that this matter, in fact, is with us to stay and that we must seek Biblical, Christian answers and proceed with our commitment to the Great Commission.

W. A. Ogden, chmn.
Robert Griffith
Arnold Kriegbaum
Lewis Hohenstein
Richard DeArmey

A motion was made by a representative of the Brethren Home Missions Council as follows:

That we create an account for the conference Committee on Race Relations in keeping with its request of the N.F.B.C. at annual conference in 1965. The account will receive designated gifts, which we understand will be disbursed at the discretion and direction of the committee.

The motion was passed.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Finance Committee:

FINANCIAL REPORT
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches
July 20, 1965 to July 25, 1966

Income

Balance on hand July 20, 1965	$436.50
Credential Fees	4,185.25
August 16, 1965—Monday night offering	172.23
August 17, 1965—Tuesday night offering	275.18
August 18, 1965—Wednesday night offering	400.09
August 19, 1965—Thursday night offering	284.90
August 20, 1965—Friday night offering	264.91
August 20, 1965—Bauman Memorial Lectures fund	215.38
August 21, 1965—Saturday night (Youth Council)	951.44
August 22, 1965—Sunday night offering	369.00
National Laymen offering	25.00
Child care fees	273.81
Air Force chaplains fund	85.40
Conference music refunds	44.19
Special offering from the Cleveland, Ohio, First Brethren Church	5.00

Total income	7,551.78
Total expendable funds	$7,988.28

Expenses

Abbey Rents (baby cribs and mattress rentals)	237.50
Executive secretary expense	48.44
Linda Beach (Credential Committee expense and labor)	21.25
Foreign Missionary Society (Credential Committee materials)	3.57
Morse Freeman (conference choir music)	295.47
Paul McCory (hotel service)	15.00
Los Altos Brethren Church (conference banners)	40.00
Harold Penrose (trailer rental)	3.50
Robert Collitt (Credential Committee expense)	4.84
Los Altos Brethren Church (conference expense)	22.64
Brethren Schools (school bus expense)	185.70
First Brethren Church of Long Beach (statistical reports)	75.00
John Mayes (printing)	15.00
J. Vernon McGee (honorarium)	100.00
Dr. Jack McArthur (honorarium)	100.00
Dr. C. W. Mayes (honorarium)	20.00
Betty Church (honorarium)	25.00
Alberta Hansen (honorarium)	25.00
Linda Rash (honorarium)	25.00
Theresa McKinley (honorarium)	25.00
Jack Swartz (honorarium)	50.00
Robert Hill (honorarium)	50.00
Clyde Landrum (honorarium)	50.00
Earle Cole (honorarium)	50.00
B.H.M.C., Inc. (conference expense)	40.67
Brethren Youth Council (gifts)	1,000.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (publicity)	178.55
National Sunday School Board	10.62
Brethren Youth Council (offering)	951.44
Whittier Community Brethren Church (choir music)	6.37
Municipal Auditorium (piano and platform)	52.00
Foreign Missionary Society (thermofax copies)	1.15
Clyde Landrum (postage)	5.00
Earle Peer (Executive Committee expense)	6.65
Earle Peer (Executive Committee expense)	5.00
Check returned and account charged	10.00
Elaine Taylor (secretarial help)	35.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (publishing resolutions)	82.50
Earle Cole (postage mailing statistical forms)	20.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (*Herald* subscription)	7.66
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (*Annual* space)	1,780.20
Phillip Landrum (conference photos)	59.70
Earle Peer (envelopes and postage)	3.79
Kenneth Herman (Publicity Committee)	9.83
Clyde Landrum (visiting chaplains)	52.40
Grace Theological Seminary (Bauman offering)	215.38
Brethren Missionary Herald (publicity)	27.00
Clyde Landrum (secretary expense)	14.70
Mrs. Paul Fink (child care service)	5.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (paper)	2.20
Brethren Missionary Herald Company (Publicity and Membership Committee expense)	245.26
Mrs. Robert Sunthimer (1966 statistical reports)	72.00
Edward Cole (1966 statistical reports)	7.05
Earle Cole (1966 statistical reports)	6.58
Total expenses	$6,401.61
Balance on hand July 25, 1966	1,586.67

Frank J. Poland, treasurer
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Motion prevailed that the Conference grant the request of the Board of Christian Education for a gift of $1,000.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the endorsing agent on the ministry of our Brethren chaplains:

REPORT ON BRETHREN CHAPLAINS

God is blessing the work of our Brethren men in the chaplaincy! This has been verified by letters from and personal visits with these men of God. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit of God will continue to work through these men to reach many of our men and women in the service.

I wish to thank the Conference for its motion last year to make contact with those who work with our endorsing agents. This has been done, and, in addition, visits have been made with a number of our chaplains. By use of vacation time and by combining trips a maximum amount has been accomplished with a minimum of expense. It is my hope that you will look with favor on the use of a small amount of money to keep in contact with our men in year that is ahead.

It is with real joy that I report to you that I had the privilege of personally counseling with ten of our twelve chaplains, and of corresponding with the other two by mail. The spirit among our men is good, and they express real appreciation for the interest the Conference is taking in them. They ask our continued interest in and prayer for them.

A personal interview was held with two of the three chiefs of chaplains, and in the case of the third, interviews were held with personnel in his office. I found these leaders to be most enthusiastic about our men. They spoke very highly of the entire group. One man said, "If we had as good relations with all our chaplains as we have with yours, our problems would be greatly reduced." Through contacts with the offices in Washington, and through contacts by some of our chaplains, I was able to visit both West Point and Annapolis to see how the chaplain program is working there. In every case there was complete cordiality and cooperation. These men appreciate good denominational support for all chaplains and are very much interested in working with denominational endorsing agents.

I was able to visit the base on which four of our men are serving. There also I found excellent cooperation.

At the 1965 annual conference we had one man in the Air Force chaplaincy, five in the Army chaplaincy, and two in the Navy chaplaincy. During the year we have added one to the Navy list and three to the Army. We now have a total of twelve Brethren men in the entire program. The three new men for the Army are Emlyn Jones, Paul Lindberg, and John Talley. In the Navy we added Richard McNeely. Here is the list of all the Brethren men in the chaplaincy, and their present location:

U.S. Air Force
Carlton J. Fuller, Alaska

U.S. Army
Lee D. Burris, Fort Benning, Georgia
Burton G. Hatch, Viet Nam
James M. Hutchens, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Emlyn Jones, Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, New York
Paul O. Lindberg, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Orville A. Lorenz, Austin, Texas
John W. Schumacher, Viet Nam
John D. Talley, Jr., Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, New York

U.S. Navy
John D. Brock, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.
Lee Jenkins, Norfolk, Virginia
Richard I. McNeely, Chaplain School, Newport, Rhode Island

It was a joy to have the privilege of presenting slides of the chaplains' ministry on the Monday evening of this conference, and to have Chaplain James Hutchens, recently returned from Viet Nam, with us to show some of his slides. We would appreciate the privilege of having the Monday evening hour again next year. If this is granted, we shall endeavor to have one or more of our chaplains present in person for the occasion. And I would be glad if consideration would be given by the Executive Committee to have some chaplain to be one of our conference speakers at our 1967 conference. I have the assurance from the authorities that chaplains can be relieved from duty for such occasions.

All chaplains to whom I have talked have said that they are free to "preach the Word" as they see fit. And they are not only free but are actually urged to practice their own denominational distinctives in their work as chaplains. These men are serving around the world to be with our young men and women wherever they serve. Since they have the privilege of presenting the Word to them and of counseling with them in spiritual things, let us pray that God may give them many souls in the year ahead, and that He may enable them so to guide our young people that they will come back from the service strong and stalwart in the Lord.

Clyde K. Landrum
Endorsing agent

A motion prevailed to accept the following report by the Publicity Committee:

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Your Conference Publicity Committee used several methods of publicizing this year's conference, a couple of which were different from the approaches used in past years.

In April, posters and selected news items concerning conference which would be suitable for use in church bulletins were sent to all pastors. Also included were accommodation listings and a folder concerning the Rodeheaver Sacred Music Conference. In late May another poster and more bulletin news items were sent to pastors for their use.

Four pages of space in the *Missionary Herald* were graciously donated by the Herald Company; these pages contained pictures of the conference speakers and an outline of the program and other activities. News items relative to churches' caring for pastors' and delegates' conference expenses were also run in the *Missionary Herald.*

In late July, complete printed copies of the conference program were mailed to all churches for their use.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Herman, chmn.
Charles Koontz
Lee Dice
Kenneth Russell
James Kennedy

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Auditing Committee:

The books and financial records of the N.F.B.C., National Sunday School Board, Brethren Youth Council, and Board of Evangelism have been audited. Also, by request, we have audited the books and records of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council and the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. After a few corrections were made on the books of the Board of Evangelism, these books and records are correct and in the opinion of the committee they reflect the true financial condition of the organizations involved. We want to express our appreciation to each of these organizations for the neat and orderly records kept during the past year.

A motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men:

During the last conference year ten men requested that their names be placed on the list as being available for a pastoral call. This number included two seniors graduating from Grace Seminary. While we have no absolute way of determining how many were called as pastors as a direct result of the work of the committee, we feel certain several were called.

The work of the committee has a limited ministry, and yet one that God can use. During the year a new report was made available each quarter, and 16 churches requested that the list be sent.

The following motion from the director of the Board of Evangelism was passed:

We recommend that the organization formerly registered as The Brethren Lay Evangelistic Foundation, Inc., be changed to the Board of Evangelism, Inc., and that its board membership be changed from five in number to twelve members.

A motion was made that we authorize the Board of Christian Education to seek tax exempt status.

A substitute motion was made as follows:

That the new Board of Christian Education be recognized as the successor of the National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council, and that it be authorized to seek tax exempt status.

The motion was passed.

A motion was made that the report of the Resolutions Committee be duplicated and placed in the hands of the delegates at the session preceding the session where the adoption of such resolutions is to be requested.

A substitute motion was made that the procedure in the preparation of each year's resolutions be studied by the new committee with the view that the work of each year's Resolutions Committee be conserved through this revision and up-dating of the previous year's report. Passed.

A motion was made that any changes in resolutions be printed and distributed

on the day before the report of the Resolutions Committee is to be made.

A substitute motion was made that the 1967 Resolutions Committee print their resolutions with the recommendation for handling this matter. Passed.

A motion prevailed that all child care labor costs be paid by the Conference and that fees be charged sufficient to cover costs of snacks, trips, tours, and materials needed.

A motion prevailed that this Conference instruct the Publicity Committee that it is their duty to place in the local newspaper such pertinent news and pictures as are deemed advisable and wise, to inform the public of the activities of our national fellowship.

A motion prevailed that the work of the endorsing agent be continued and that the endorsing agent be authorized to spend up to $200 in this work in the future.

A motion prevailed that the time of this business session be extended long enough to install the new officers.

The officers of the Conference for the coming year were duly installed and challenged by retiring moderator Richard E. Grant.

A motion prevailed to adjourn **sine die.**

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

PREAMBLE

We, the sovereign congregations of the Brethren Church in the United States of America, to secure the blessings of fellowship among churches, to provide for the benefits of uniform and orderly procedure, to promote the establishment of new Brethren churches, and to make possible the projects of wider scope through mutual cooperation, but wholly to honor and glorify God, and His Son, our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, have formed and seek to maintain the association of sovereign Brethren Churches known as the **National Fellowship of Brethren Churches** which is a continuation of the Ohio corporation known as **The Brethren Church.**

CHAPTER ONE—ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Article 1. Covenant. The sovereign congregations of the Brethren Church thus associated together in the formation of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are united in accepting the Holy Scriptures as the sole guide and authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Article 2. Authority. The N.F.B.C. shall have the power: to provide orderly procedure for the perpetual succession of its organization; to provide for the holding

f property by purchase or gift, and to sell, convey, or dispose of the same, whether eal or personal; to provide for in every way and promote unity and efficiency in ll efforts toward the realization of the supreme task of the church, namely, the vangelization of the world; to direct and control cooperating organizations of ts own creation, to determine the time and place of its meeting, and to adopt a onstitution and bylaws for its own government. It shall have no power to interfere with the work of any local church which would in any way endanger the ights of congregational government, nor to interfere with the work of the everal district conferences.

Article 3. Membership.

A. Membership in the N.F.B.C.

1. Any Brethren Church in full fellowship with a recognized District Conference of the N.F.B.C., shall upon written application to the N.F.B.C., be received into membership by action of an annual conference.
2. Churches which subscribe doctrinally to the Message of the Brethren Ministry as an outline of faith and practice, and which in the performance of the ordinances practice baptism by trine immersion only and the threefold communion service only shall be received into membership in the N.F.B.C.
3. Member churches may be disfellowshiped by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference upon sufficient cause. Any church which does not adhere to the conditions of A., 2. above will automatically disfellowship itself.

B. Representation in the Conferences of the N.F.B.C.

1. Basic Representation

a. Ordained elders. All regularly ordained elders in member churches shall be delegates of the conference, provided proper credentials are presented from their local churches.
b. Licensed elders. All regularly licensed ministers of member churches, actively in charge of Brethren Churches, shall be delegates of the conference, provided proper credentials are presented from their local churches.

2. Numerical Representation. Each member church shall be entitled to one lay delegate in the conference for every fifty trine immersed members or major fraction thereof but no church shall be entitled to less than one lay delegate.
NOTE: Only those persons who have been baptized by trine immersion may be delegates (regular or ministerial) to the conferences of the N.F.B.C.

3. Seating of Delegates and Financial Support

a. In order to seat delegates each member congregation must support the conference financially in an amount per member as set by the conference.

b. Congregations are asked to assume a definite financial responsibility whether or not any delegates attend.

c. The method and time of collection of credentials and fees shall be set by the conference.

d. The conference treasurer shall notify delinquent churches of this responsibility.

rticle 4. Organization.

A. Officers. The officers of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician.

B. Election. All officers shall be elected by ballot from nominees presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor of the conference. No person shall be eligible to election as Moderator more often than once in ten years or twice in a lifetime.

C. Tenure of Office. All officers shall assume the functions of their offices at the close of the conference at which they are elected, and shall serve for one year, or until a successor is elected and qualified. In case a vacancy should arise between regular annual sessions of conference in any of the offices named in Article 4., Section A, the Committee on Committees shall fill such vacancy. Should there arise any vacancy in any standing or special committee, the moderator shall be empowered to appoint necessary replacements.

D. Duties. The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon each and such special duties as may herein be assigned.

Article 5. Standing and Special Committees.

A. Standing Committees. The N.F.B.C. shall create annually, unless otherwise provided for, the following standing committees:

1. Executive Committee. This committee shall be elected from nominees presented to the conference by the various districts and/or this conference. It shall be constituted of one member from each district of the Fellowship and one additional member for each twenty-five hundred church members or major fraction thereof. The moderator and vice-moderator shall be members ex officio. This committee shall report its organization to the conference before final adjournment. It shall be the duty of this committee to make full and complete arrangements for the next general conference.

2. Conference Membership Committee. This committee shall consist of six members, two to be elected each year for three-year terms. This committee shall effect its own organization and report the same to the conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to act as a committee on credentials, and to provide a place at which credentials and delegates' fees shall be received as directed by the conference. This committee shall have no authority to withhold any properly executed credentials from the conference.

3. Committee on Committees. This committee shall consist of three members elected by conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to conference nominees for such committees as conference shall request.

4. Committee on Finances. This committee shall consist of three members; the Conference Treasurer and two others elected by conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to pass on all conference expenditures, and present a financial statement to conference each year.

5. Auditing Committee. This committee shall consist of three members elected by the conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the books of the conference, conference committees and boards and report its findings to the conference annually.

6. Committee on Spiritual State. This committee shall consist of the moderator of each district of the N.F.B.C. with the Moderator of National Conference who shall act as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the general state of the denomination, its needs and its prospects; to receive and consider memorials from district conferences or local churches; and to formulate and transmit through the Moderator, an address or message to the conference, covering such subjects as they may deem proper, with recommendation based upon information received, as to the needs of the denomination.

7. Committee on Rules and Organization. This committee shall consist of three members elected by conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare for and conduct the regular election of officers and committees; and to report at any time such rules or by-laws as the moderator may request or the conference may direct.

8. Nominating Committee. This committee shall consist of five members elected by conference. It shall be the duty of this committee to present nominees to the conference for the election of all officers listed in Article 4, Section A, and for the Committee on Committees. This committee shall provide ballots for this election.

B. Special Committees. Other committees may be constituted and shall discharge their usual and special duties as directed by the conference.

C. Election of Committees. The manner of election of the foregoing committees, except where already denoted, may be determined at the time of election by action of the conference.

D. Committee Expenses. Expenses of the Standing and Special Committees shall be defrayed by the Conference.

Article 6. N.F.B.C. Boards. The N.F.B.C. Annual Conference shall provide for the following boards.

A. The Board of Christian Education. This board shall consist of 15 elected members, five to be elected each year for three-year terms from nominees presented by the Board of Christian Education and/or the conference. The national director of Christian education and the assistant director shall be members of the board ex officio. It shall be the duty of this board to study and promote the total work of Christian education in all its phases and departments, including Sunday school, children's church, training hour, Vacation Bible School, camps, conferences, retreats, etc., and to recommend or provide literature. This shall be accomplished through research, promotion, assistance and encouragement at the local, district, and national levels.

B. Board of Evangelism. This board shall consist of twelve members, four to be elected each year for three year terms from nominees presented by the Board of Evangelism and/or the conference. It shall be the duty of this board to promote in every way possible the cause of evangelism in the N.F.B.C.

C. Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits. This Board shall consist of nine members, three to be elected each year for three year terms from nominees presented by this board and/or the conference. This board shall provide such retirement, insurance, emergency, and other benefits to our ministers as directed by the conference.

Article 7. Special Provisions.

A. Time of Meetings. Sessions of the N.F.B.C. shall be held annually or at such times as shall be designated by the conference.

B. Cooperating Organizations

1. The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.
2. The Brethren Home Missions Council.
3. Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.
4. The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.
5. The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers.
6. The Women's Missionary Council.
7. The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.
8. The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

(Note: The above organizations, though they cooperate with the N.F.B.C., are not creations of said conference or an integral part of its organization.)

C. Order of Business. The order of business at the opening session of each annual conference shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by the moderator.
2. Report of the Conference Membership Committee and seating of delegates.
3. Presentation of new churches to be received into the N.F.B.C.
4. Presentation of the proposed agenda by the Conference Secretary, as prepared by the Executive Committee.
5. Report of the Nominating Committee and election of officers.

D. Rules for Conference.

1. No delegate shall represent more than one vote in the conference.

2. All elections and questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the delegates present, except as otherwise provided for in this Manual of Procedure or Robert's Rules of Order.

3. Any member of any N.F.B.C. church, not a delegate, shall have all the privileges of the conference, except that he shall not be allowed to make a motion or to vote upon any question.

4. Persons desiring to speak in the conference must first address the Moderator and be recognized.

5. No person shall speak upon the same question more than twice until others have had ample opportunity to speak. Debate shall be limited to ten minutes per speech.

6. Standard rules of order, such as Robert's, shall be followed in all points not specifically provided for herein.

Article 7. Amendment. This Manual of Procedure may be amended at any regular session of the N.F.B.C. by a two-thirds vote, provided said amendment has been presented to the conference at a previous session and to the Rules and Organization Committee for study and recommendation.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH, INCORPORATED

P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Staff

Foreign Secy.—Rev. John W. Zielasko
Fin. Secy.—Mr. Kenneth G. Moeller
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Part-time Conference Speakers

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Rev. Orville D. Jobson

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Rev. Bernard N. Schneider

Officers of Board

Pres.—Rev. Bernard N. Schneider
V. Pres.—Rev. W. A. Ogden
Rec. Secy.—Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman
Treas.—Rev. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

Foreign Missionary Directory

Africa—

Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R., B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Cochran, Miss Rosella, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic
Cone, Rev. and Mrs. George E., B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Cripe, Miss Mary, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M., Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Geske, Miss Edith, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L., B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
Hull, Miss Margaret, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin D., Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W.,

B. P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Kent, Miss Ruth, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Kliever, Rev. and Mrs. J. P., B. P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa.

McDairmant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J., Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Mensinger, Rev. and Mrs. Edward B., Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F., B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Miller, Miss Lois, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Mishler, Miss Marie, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Ringler, Miss Lois, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Robbins, Dr. and Mrs. Austin, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Roy B., B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

Snyder, Miss Ruth, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Taber, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W., Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Thurston, Miss Marian, Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic.

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Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. Solon W., Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Marshall, Rev. and Mrs. James B., Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S.A.

Schrock, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn D., Calle 10, No. 90, B.P.V. Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Sickel, Mrs. Loree, Quintana 353, Adrogue, F.C.G.R., Bs. As., Argentina, S.A.

Brazil—

Altig, Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith, Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Burk, Rev. and Mrs. Bill A., Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. George A., Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Edward D., Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Schwartz, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph R., Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

France—

Julien, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas T., Chateau de St. Albain par Fleurville (S & L), France.

Hawaii—

Leech, Rev. and Mrs. Edmund M., 98-404 Ponohale St., Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii 96701.

Tresise, Rev. and Mrs. Foster R., 95-303 Waioni St., Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786.

Mexico—

Dowdy, Rev. and Mrs. James P., 5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924.

Churchill, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B., 518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

Guerena, Rev. and Mrs. Phillip, Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico, D.F.

Haag, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E., 425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

Puerto Rico—

Brenneman, Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell H., P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922.

Dickson, Rev. and Mrs. G. James, Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919.

In the United States—

Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W., 8415 Fenwick St., Sunland, Calif. 91040.

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Byron, Miss Grace, 105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Emmert, Miss Mary, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063.

Foster, Mrs. Rose, 105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, 517 W. Main St., Berne, Ind. 46711.

Hocking, Rev. and Mrs. Donald G., 650 Junipero Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90814.

Hulse, Miss Barbara, 3715 E. 24th St , Tucson, Ariz. 85713.

Jobson, Dr. and Mrs. Orville D., Box 420, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Kennedy, Mrs. Minnie, 1736 Rockwell Rd., Abington, Pa., 19001.

Maconaghy, Rev. and Mrs. Hill, 1233 S. 56th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19143.

Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Harold A., 724 Anderson Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46805.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Clark W., c/o W. E. Bearinger, Zullinger, Pa. 17272.

Nielsen, Miss Johanna, 1819 Pine Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90806.

Schumacher, Miss Evelyn, 4718 W. Indiana Ave., Elkhart, Ind. 46517.

Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. C. B., 2021 Dawson Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90806.

Tyson, Miss Elizabeth, 105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S., P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1965

Assets:	
General Fund—	
Cash on hand and in bank	$79,801.37
Savings accounts	10,000.00
Accounts receivable	13,017.12
Deposits and advances	16,722.73
Deposits and advances—Africa	10,200.00
Notes receivable	40,409.56
Prepaid insurance	151.97
Accrued interest receivable	590.58
Inventories—Books and supplies	3,770.46
Real estate (missionary residences in USA)	63,534.18
Office equipment, less depreciation	14,954.16
Audio-visual equipment, less depreciation	3,747.13
Total general fund assets	$256,899.26
Restricted Gifts Fund—	
Cash on hand and in banks	$5,088.37
Investments	20,000.00
Accrued interest receivable	291.66
Total restricted gifts fund assets	$25,380.03
Annuity Fund—	
Cash on hand and in banks	$5,449.54
Savings accounts	115,121.96
Notes receivable	74,672.75
Marketable securities (at cost)	4,437.01
Accrued interest receivable	258.55
Real estate, net	5,000.00
Total annuity fund assets	$204,939.81
Total assets	$487,219.10
Liabilities and Net Worth:	
General Fund—	
Notes payable	$103,270.08
Notes payable—Africa building loans	10,200.00
Accrued interest payable	1,249.87
SMM funds for investment and retirement funds	3,981.33
Net worth	138,197.98
Total general fund liabilities and net worth	$256,899.26
Restricted Gifts Fund	25,380.03
Annuity Fund	204,939.81
Total liabilities and net worth	$487,219.10

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1965

Income—	
Gifts	$498,358.62
Interest	3,461.24
Gain on sale of property	4,190.34
Miscellaneous	204.92
Annuity fund net income	35,926.85
Total income	$542,141.97
Expenses—	
Administrational	$48,445.70
Promotional	38,688.74
Missionary and field expenses	374,546.96
Other	5,948.90
Total expenses	$467,630.30
Net gain for the year	$74,511.67

Books audited by Ramsey, King & McBride, Public Accountants. (If a detailed report is desired, please contact the FMS office for a copy of such.)

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

P. O. Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

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THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

April 1, 1965—March 31, 1966

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets		
Cash, checking account	$43,577.27	
Petty cash	25.00	
Notes receivable	1,581.85	
Notes receivable—collateral account	10,000.00	
Annuity funds invested	151,514.29	
Deferred charges for contingent notes payable	67,788.59	
Deferred deposits held for others and advances	2,131.44	
Deferred hospitalization Insurance	91.68	
Mission property—land and buildings	187,686.38	
Other property	30,000.00	
Mobile equipment	9,536.92	
Leasehold improvements	1,323.82	
Office furniture and equipment	4,507.07	
Photographic equipment	1,807.62	
Total assets		$511,571.93
Liabilities		
Notes payable	122,000.00	
Contingent notes payable	67,788.59	
Accrued federal withholding tax	304.60	
Accrued Indiana withholding tax	128.05	
Accrued Social Security tax	395.72	
Total liabilities		190,616.96

Accountabilities		
Annuities		181,514.29
Net Worth		
Surplus account		139,440.68
Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth		$511,571.93
Income		
Contributions	$288,296.77	
Interest	8,895.13	
Architectural Department	26,527.75	
Rental income	2,790.00	
Sale of property and equipment	11,315.11	
Bequests	500.00	
Annuities realized	28,824.61	
Total income		$367,149.37
Disbursements		
Direct Assistance to Mission Points		
Pastors' salaries, building appropriations, and Minute-Man	181,461.27	
Pastor's insurance	3,393.74	
Pastors' moving	5,531.92	
Depreciation	5,136.83	
Interest	16,966.06	
Field work and administration	8,485.97	
Workshops	2,882.09	
Miscellaneous and meeting subsidy	520.35	
Total		224,378.23
Indirect Assistance to Mission Points		
Office and Administration		
Office salaries	27,014.17	
Office supplies	1,621.65	
Telephone and Telegraph	2,329.99	
Rent	2,580.00	
Postage	3,226.46	
Furniture and equipment repairs	159.77	
Social Security tax	1,908.25	
Directors' expense	5,511.21	
Legal and audit expense	305.00	
Insurance and bond	527.63	
Total		45,184.13
Promotion		
Magazine and literature	6,098.36	
Pastors' itineration	799.02	
Thanksgiving Offering material	5,634.41	
Field work promotion	2,516.78	
Field work signs and advertising	1,578.28	
Total		16,626.85
Architectural department		25,638.99
Brethren Financial Planning Service		2,500.00
Property expense		3,003.43
Total disbursements		$317,331.63
Excess of income over expenses		49,817.74
		$367,149.37
Fund Balances—Cash		
General Fund		$20,316.86
Jewish Fund		22,490.24
Relay Fund		(2,131.44)
Navajo Fund		2,901.61
Cash in Lake City Bank		$43,577.27

Books audited by Allan M. Ramsey, Ramsey, King, & McBride, Public Accountants, as of March 31, 1966.

BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

The Brethren Investment Foundation has the same officiary as The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana.

Fin. Secy.—Mr. Elmer Tamkin, Box 775, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590
Asst. Fin. Secy.—Mr. Jerry Browning, R. R. 3 Warsaw, Ind. 46580
Secy.—Mrs. Florence Figert, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Ind 46580
Bookkeeper—Mrs. Wanita Ogden, 308 Sixth St. Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets		
Cash in bank—checking account		$121,336.66
Reserve funds		1,145,294.26
Notes receivable		4,014,822.99
Office equipment	$5,763.51	
Less reserve for depreciation	3,996.76	1,766.75
Leasehold improvements	$262.34	
Less allowance for amortization	88.63	173.71
Total assets		$5,283,394.37
Liabilities		
Loans payable (Note A)		$4,855,302.20
Savings accounts (Note B)		149,439.84
Annuities		151,514.29
Trust fund		17,000.00
Payroll taxes and taxes withheld from payrolls		313.44
Total liabilities		$5,173,569.77
Net Worth		
Surplus		$109,824.60
Total liabilities and net worth		$5,283,394.37

Note A—Includes $770,305.93 investments for Grace College Dormitory
Note B—Includes $49,059.04 savings accounts for Grace College Dormitory

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Income		
Interest	$250,761.77	
Gifts and other service charges	32.72	250,794.49
Expenses		
Office expense	$1,187.72	
Interest	233,028.89	
Salaries	11,895.12	
Legal and audit	286.75	
Depreciation	584.83	
Insurance	315.76	
Social Security tax	409.25	
Repairs to equipment	380.66	
Rent, telephone, and misc.	216.80	
Postage	473.84	
Promotion and advertising	107.29	
Income tax	665.48	
Traveling expenses	692.71	
Total expenses		$250,245.10
Excess of income over expenses		$549.39

Books audited by Allan M. Ramsey, Ramsey, King & McBride, Public Accountants, as of June 30, 1966.

Home Mission Directory

Akron, Ohio—Fairlawn Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Vernon J. Harris.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Robert Salazar.

Arvada, Colo.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. J. C. McKillen.

Barberton, Ohio—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Irvin B. Miller.

Beaverton, Oreg.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Luke E. Kauffman.

Berrien Springs, Mich.

Bothell, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Clarence Green.

Chico, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. William Shelby.

Columbus, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. David Hocking.

Counselor, N. Mex.—Brethren Navajo Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wedertz, Miss Angie Garber, Mrs. Pauline Swartzwalder, Mrs. Betty Masimer, Miss Lois Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trujillo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. McNelly.

Davenport, Iowa—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Frank H. Gardner, Jr.

Dryhill, Ky.—Brethren Chapel. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery.

Elizabethtown, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Warren Tamkin.

Elyria, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Placeway.

Fremont, Ohio—Brethren Chapel. Pastor, Rev. Granville Tucker.

Galion, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Alva Conner.

Gardena, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Dale Hostetler.

Geistown, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ralph Burns.

Hagerstown, Md.—Gay Street Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gerald W. Teeter.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Jerry Young.

Jackson, Mich.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gilbert Hawkins.

Kent, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons.

Kokomo, Ind.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Herman H. Hein, Jr.

Lansing, Mich.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Randall Poyner.

Lexington, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Terrance Taylor.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Brethren Messianic Testimony. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button and Miss Isobel Fraser, 8547 Airdrome, Los Angeles, Calif. 90035.

Maitland, Fla.—Grace Brethren Church of Maitland. Pastor, Dr. Herman Koontz.

Minerva, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Roy Glass.

Montclair, Calif.—Montclair Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Forest Lance.

New Holland, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard McCarthy.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Melvin Hobson.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bible Class.

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Condensed Financial Report
June 30, 1966

Combined Balance Sheet (All Funds)

Assets:	
Cash on hand and in banks	$3,576.2
Funds on deposit in savings and loan	55,691.2
Loan funds receivable	283,872.4
Other receivables	11,646.3
School property and equipment	2,126,927.8
Investments	83,556.9
Inventory and other	1,446.4
Total assets	$2,566,717.2
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	29,683.7
Notes payable	22,284.7
Mortgages payable	862,479.4
Annuities invested in plant	41,243.5
Deposits and obligations	30,013.0
Loans, annuities, and trust funds	378,322.8
Net invested in plant	1,201,122.0
Surplus account (current fund)	1,568.0
Total liabilities	$2,566,717.5

1965-66 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

(Current Funds Only)

Income:	
Tuition and fees: College	$355,83
Seminary	52,89
Graduate	4,70
Gifts: General	93,23
Endowment	2,10
Auxiliary enterprises	241,66
Restricted gifts and income	17,04
Other income	19,33
Total current income	$786,80
Expenses:	
General administration	70,12
Student services	44,48
General institutional	20,32
Development	80,23
Instructional	193,95
Organized activities	11,42
Library	22,82
Physical plant	50,05
Auxiliary enterprises	218,96
Student aid	46,94
Repayment on educational mortgage (principal)	34,82
Total current expense	$794,17
General income surplus (deficit)	(6,567
Restricted income surplus (deficit)	(800

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Annual Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation

August 19, 1966

The annual meeting was opened with Scripture and prayer by Ralph Colburn, after which the president of the corporation, R. D. Crees, called the meeting to order.

A motion prevailed that those persons whose names are listed on the membership lists be voted members of the corporation with the privilege of voting in the business sessions, provided they are members of Brethren churches.

A report of the ballot election of trustees by mail indicated that the following men were elected to serve for three-year terms: Rev. R. D. Crees, Rev. Wesley Haller, and Rev. William Male.

A motion prevailed that the following names be placed in nomination for membership to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms:
Thomas Hammers—Jesse Deloe, Jr.
Robert Sackett—H. L. Edwards
Gerald Polman—Lee Dice
Mark Malles—Wendell Kent

After opportunity was given for presenting additional names, a motion was passed to close the nominations.

The elected officers for the coming year were announced.

Richard Grant presented the condensed financial statement for the period of January 1, 1965, to December 31, 1965.

A motion prevailed that the report be adopted as given.

The president of the board announced the resignation of Richard Grant as executive editor and general manager. An expression of thanks was given to Rev. Grant on behalf of the board and the corporation. A gift in the form of a check for $125 was presented to him for the purchase of a piece of furniture for his home in Alexandria, Virginia, where he will be taking up the pastorate of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church.

The president of the board announced that Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, after 26 years of faithful service as a founding member of the Board of Trustees, felt that he must be relieved of his duties as a member of the board. A plaque, appropriately inscribed, has been prepared for presentation to Dr. Hoyt as an expression of appreciation.

The minutes of this meeting were approved as read.

A motion prevailed to adjourn, after which prayer was offered by Thomas Hammers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark E. Malles, secy.

BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1965

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash in register	$100.00	
Petty cash	250.00	
Cash on hand	800.00	
Cash in bank	8,307.88	
Notes receivable	21,629.31	31,087.19
Accounts receivable		32,592.49
Inventory - merchandise		46,240.14
Inventory - supplies		3,671.46
Prepaid expenses		3,502.00
Total current assets		117,093.28
Non - current assets		
Land	4,000.00	
Buildings	180,667.45	
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	24,830.11	
Shop equipment	11,271.96	
Motor vehicles	2,450.00	
	223,219.52	
Allowed for depreciation	59,688.54	
Total non-current assets		163,530.98
Total assets		280,594.26

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current liabilities		
Accrued tax	40.31	
Total current liabilities		40.31
Non-current liabilities		
Annuities	9,000.00	
Total non-current liabilities		9,000.00
Net worth		271,583.95
Total liabilities and net worth		280,624.26

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income		
Merchandise sales	185,056.37	
Subscriptions	27,977.61	
Cooperating boards	15,502.59	
Interest	1,090.56	
Total income		229,647.13
Cost		
Purchases	129,733.79	
Outside work	18,183.85	
Salaries	45,582.53	
Consideration to National Sunday School Board	1,500.00	
Operating expenses	26,823.86	
Total cost		221,824.03
Business net gain		7,823.10
Publication offering	19,645.73	
Expenses	2,316.27	
Offering net gain		17,329.46
Total net gain		25,152.56
Free literature and gifts		11,281.73
Total income		13,870.83

Note—The books of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

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Theme for 1966-1967—
"So Send I You" (John 20:21)

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Number of Members 4,416

FINANCIAL REPORT 1965-66

Balance on Hand—July 31, 1965		$8,380.11
Receipts		
General conference offering—1965	$588.02	
Credential Offering—1965	283.25	
Program packets	12.90	
Anonymous gift	110.00	
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	200.00	
General and Publication	3,090.18	
Home Missions	4,118.59	
Christian Education	3,891.29	
Foreign Missions	3,884.01	
Thank Offering—Jewish	6,226.60	
Missionary Birthday	5,139.10	
Missionary residence	1,512.38	
Home-mission specials	1,496.86	
Foreign mission specials	6,688.96	
Grace Schools specials	714.14	
National Sunday School special	15.00	
Total receipts		$37,971.28
Disbursements		
General expense	$5,081.05	
Home missions	4,118.59	
Christian education	3,891.29	
Foreign missions	3,884.01	
Thank Offering	6,226.60	
Missionary Birthday	5,000.00	
Missionary residence	1,238.05	
Home-mission special	1,496.86	
Foreign mission special	6,688.96	
Grace Schools specials	714.14	
Sunday-school special	15.00	
Total disbursements	$38,354.55	
Balance on hand—July 31, 1966		$7,996.84

WMC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1966-1967

We Recommend:

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.

2. That the secretary of each local council keep the membership cards and be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council.

3. That officers in the local council be elected and begin planning in June, be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1966, through June, 1967.

4. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to assist willingly in Sunday school, VBS, children's Bible classes, Active Christian Teens (Brethren Youth Fellowship) and other church-sponsored youth activities.

5. That the women in each council continue to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve as a patroness or in any other capacity.

6. That the women of each council read and use the Pen Pointers. We suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More Pen Pointers may be obtained from the National WMC Literature Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Tamkin, Box 775, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.)

7. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

8. That we send good, usable clothing to the following missions (each local council be responsible for entire expense):

Navajo Indian Mission—Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Parcel Post—Mr. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018. (Use of freight not recommended.)

Taos, New Mexico—Adult and children's clothing. Parcel post—Mr. William Stevens, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. Express—Mr. William Stevens, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dryhill, Kentucky—Parcel Post — Marvin E. Lowery, Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky.

Clayhole, Kentucky—Parcel Post—Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Kentucky. Express—Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Jackson, Kentucky.

9. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

10. That all local and district councils use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

11. That each council purchase and read the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

1. *Monganga Paul,* by Lois Carlson.
2. *Homefront of Jewish Missions,* by Albert Huisjen.
3. *Springboard to Discovery,* by Mary Lou Lacy.

WMC OBJECTIVES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1966-1967

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First choice: The entire Bible in 1966-1967. Send to the American Bible Society or Moody Bible Institute for Bible reading charts.

Second choice: The Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions," using both the Scripture passages and the meditation.

Third choice: Regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

a. That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination.

b. That each council encourage each woman to be a prayer warrior for a daily time of prayer.

4. SOUL-WINNING

a. Our goal—every WMC member a witness and a soul winner with the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved, via children's Bible classes, VBS, Sunday school, SMM, etc.

b. Cooperate with or sponsor a monthly visitation and tract distribution program, with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used.

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS
A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.
6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES
As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and be represented at the rallies.
7. MAJOR OFFERINGS
Please send all money to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet.
a. September, October, November—Home Missions. Support of three single lady missionaries to the Navajos. Send before December 10. $3,900.
b. December, January, February—Christian Education. One-half to Grace Seminary and College for new library building fund. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for dictation equipment, electric typewriter, overhead projector. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for Teens into Missionary Endeavor. Send before March 10. $3,900.
c. March, April, May—Foreign Missions. Literature for all foreign fields. Send before June 10. $3,900.
d. June, July, August—General and Publication Fund. Send before September 10. $3,900.
e. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send any time before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering. (Secure free banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council.)
f. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1966-1967 are:
Mrs. Robert Cover—Argentina
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WMC DISTRICT OBJECTIVES 1966-1967

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.
2. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.
3. Each district will sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Placeway, 540 Randall Road, Elyria, Ohio 44038, to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.
4. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer.
5. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the foreign missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National WMC financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the need.
6. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.
7. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.
8. Every district is to be represented on the national boards at national conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.
9. A four-minute written achievement report is to be given by the district president at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for writing the report.
10. SMM will be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Theme—"God's Word—My Guide"
Theme Verse—Psalm 119:105
Motto—"Do God's Will"
Colors—White, which stands for worship and represents Mary. Green, which stands for service and represents Martha.
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Southern Ohio—Pat., Mrs. Charles Redman, 5830 Olive Rd., Dayton, Ohio. Pres., Penny Puls, 1235 Ridgeview Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45409.

1966-67 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

1. September—November (Due Dec. 10, 1966)—Home Interests—Support of Grace Trujillo $1,000
2. December—February (Due March 10, 1967)—Operation SMM $1,000
3. March—May (Due June 10, 1967)—Birthday Offering—Partial Payment Toward the Higher Education of Missionaries' Children $1,500
4. June—August (Due Sept. 10, 1967)—Publication and Youth Council—For Herald Expense and Youth Council General Expense $1,000

Total $4,500

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

(*Dates must be postmarked no later than specified dates*)

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring, the fall meeting for program and overall planning and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.
2. At least one postcard item sent to the National SMM editor, Miss Linda Edmiston, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the following suggested schedule, if possible.

November 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio
December 1—East and Midwest
January 1—Indiana and Northern California
February 1—Michigan and Southeast
March 1—Allegheny and Iowa
April 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest
May 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California-Arizona
June 1—Foreign mission points with SMM's

3. All national offerings sent in by the specified date to Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.
4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to the district patroness and one to the national secretary, by July 1, keeping the third one for the local files.
5. Each girl purchase her own handbook at 5 cents each for Little Sisters; 10 cents each for Juniors, Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered according to instructions in the *Herald*. (Patroness notes to all groups available and Patroness Handbooks available for 25 cents.)
6. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)
7. At least 75 per cent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha goals.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.
2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at national conference.
3. District patroness send out statistical blanks to local groups by May 15, compile the returned reports, and send one copy to the National SMM secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for the district files.
4. District help its president or girl representative in coming to early board meetings ($15 or more, depending on the distance).
5. The district patroness contact newly organized churches or churches without SMM's, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.
6. Each district submit $3.00 toward the "Girl of the Year" scholarship each year, sending it with the statistical blank.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend:

1. That local SMM's meeting all local

organization goals be recognized as honor SMM's by the district.

2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.

3. That the district having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local receive the honor plaque.

4. That Mrs. Paulette Sauders be appointed National SMM devotional program chairman for 1966-1967.

5. That the 1967-1968 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the National SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1966.

6. That the Devotional Program Committee for 1968-1969 be from the Mid-Atlantic District with Mrs. Robert Collitt as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the National SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1966.

7. That Elizabeth Hostetler be appointed National SMM treasurer for 1966-1967.

8. That Linda Edmiston be appointed National SMM editor for 1966-1967.

9. That Joyce Ashman be appointed National SMM financial secretary for 1966-1967.

10. That the national board meet previous to conference 1967 and that each member receive $5.00 per working day present.

11. That an SMM Girl of the Year be selected and honored at national conference 1967.

12. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book:

1. $7.50 toward national youth conference
2. $7.50 toward material ordered from Missionary Herald Company
3. Key necklace
4. Two SMM sweatshirts—one green and one white

For seniors reading the Bible through:

1. The Amplified New Testament
2. The Amplified Old Testament
3. A Christian book
4. Key necklace

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

Chmn.—Vernon Harris
V. Chmn.—Ron Thompson
Secy.—Wendell Kent
Asst. Secy.—Robert Whited
Fin. Secy.—Howard Mayes
Treas.—Ralph Burns

(Minutes)

Tuesday, August 16

The meeting of the ministerium began at 6:30 a.m. in McClain Hall. Paul Fink led in a devotional from Romans 8:26-30, and prayer followed.

After breakfast the meeting reconvened in the Fellowship Hall of the Free Methodist Publishing House. Harold Painter led the group in a hymn. The chairman, John Mayes, called for a season of silent prayer. John Davis led the group in devotions on the theme of "The Secret for an Effective Pulpit," and Herman Hein and Robert Russell led in prayer.

A period of fellowship followed with coffee and rolls. A report of the program committee was given by Paul Fink. A motion prevailed to adopt the report. The need was noted for dismissing early to reconcile a schedule conflict with the foreign missions corporation meeting.

The following men were introduced to the group: Robert Russell, Stanley Jensen, Terrance Taylor, Paul Morris, Bill Gardner, Robert Clinton, Jerry Classen, Gerald Root, Charles Hall, Ron Graff, Robert Hook, Ed Wingard, Don Taylor, William Shelby, Bill Stevens, Wendell England, Ralph Miller, Mert Lambert, Marvin Lowery, and Larry Wedertz.

A memorial session was conducted by Homer Kent, Sr. for: Andrew M. Dixon by Galen Lingenfelter; Charles Gantt by John Neely; John I. Kaylor by Homer Kent, Sr.; Alan S. Pearce by L. L. Grubb and John Mayes; Maclovia Lopez by Glenn O'Neal; Jacob W. Couser by Ron Thompson and Lester Pifer. John Mayes led in a closing prayer in memory of these men.

The membership committee called attention to the fact that tentative membership reports would be handed out at the door. Paul Fink led in a closing prayer. The meeting was dismissed by the chairman.

Wednesday, August 17

The meeting opened at McClain Hall at 6:30 a.m. for prayer. Wayne Beaver led in devotions from Philippians 1.

The meeting reconvened at Fellowship Hall after breakfast, with Chairman Mayes in charge. Wayne Flory led the group in a hymn. John Davis then continued his devotional messages by speaking on "The Secret for Effective

Prayer." Charles Ashman and Jim Custer led in prayer. Dr. Charles Ryrie, dean of the Graduate School of Dallas Theological Seminary, followed, speaking on the theme of "The Normal Christian Experience."

The minutes were approved as read. The following new men were introduced: Murl Updike, Quentin Matthes, Don Goodhart, Duane Jorgens, Clarence Green, and James Renick.

Henry Rempel presented the report of the nominating committee. Floor was opened for further nominations. Several changes and additions were made. A motion prevailed to close the nominations. It was called to the attention of the chairman that the membership of our body had not yet been determined. By common consent it was established that the membership be all last year's members plus the new men introduced. Election was conducted.

The treasurer's report was given by Lee Dice. A motion prevailed to receive the report.

The membership committee reported all corrections were to be in today.

Announcements were made by the chairman.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. The chairman concluded with prayer.

Thursday, August 18

The meeting opened at McClain Hall for prayer, with Robert Salazar leading in a devotional talk from Acts 1.

After breakfast the meeting moved to Fellowship Hall. Howard Mayes led in a hymn, and John Mayes opened the meeting with prayer. John Davis continued his ministry on the theme of "Biblical Principles for a Preaching Ministry." A short period of fellowship followed before Dr. Ryrie spoke on some "Fallacies of True Spirituality."

The minutes were approved as read. The following new men were introduced: Robert Lackens, Don Farner, Jack Mellick. A motion prevailed to extend the courtesies of the meeting to these visitors.

A report of the membership was given by the chairman, Tom Inman. The report was approved as corrected.

R. Paul Miller gave a report for the Transfer of Church Membership Commission, pointing out that a questionnaire was to be given out at the door. No action was taken.

The following election results were reported: chairman, Vernon Harris; vice-chairman, Ron Thompson; secretary, Wendell Kent; assistant secretary, Robert Whited; financial secretary, Howard Mayes; treasurer, Ralph Burns.

Chairman Mayes noted the need for the old and new executive committees to meet to further outline duties for each office.

A report was given by Rev. Bill Schaffer on a proposed group term insurance policy. The chairman suggested that we continue discussion on this report tomorrow.

After announcements a motion was made to adjourn. Tom Inman closed with prayer.

Friday, August 19

The meeting opened for prayer at McClain Hall with Homer Kent, Jr., in charge. After breakfast the meeting moved to Fellowship Hall for a combined period of fellowship and devotions with the Laymen. Stan Jensen led the group in a hymn. John Davis continued his devotional thoughts, speaking on "The Secret of Effective Power." Don Hocking and Tom Hammers led in prayer. A period of fellowship followed before Dr. Ryrie brought his final message on "Some Facets of True Spirituality."

The chairman noted that a love offering would be received for Dr. Ryrie.

The following new men were introduced: John Shypulefski, Kenneth Cosgrove, Larry Poland, and Don Carter, The courtesies of the meeting were extended to Dr. Ryrie. A motion prevailed that the names of Don Farner, Jr. (L) and Larry Poland (L) be added to the membership list. A further motion was made that the name of Ken Cosgrove

(L) be added to the membership list. Motion passed.

The minutes were approved as read.

Discussion continued on the report by Rev. William Schaffer on a group term insurance program. The need was pointed out for 175 men to enter the program. The chairman then stepped down from the chair to speak about a proposal that a committee be constituted to investigate whether or not any of our members who annually expect cards of good standing in this ministerium, have earned for themselves some form of censure by this body. The proposal was made to appoint a committee composed of Rev. Gerald Polman, Rev. Ralph Colburn, and Rev. Phillip J. Simmons to carry out this investigation. It was then moved and seconded.

The chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College then asked the secretary to read a prepared statement explaining the actions of, reasons for, and procedures in the dismissals of Professors John Martin and Carl Cripe. A motion prevailed to extend the time for five minutes. A motion prevailed to table the matter under discussion and make it the first order of business.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

Saturday, August 20

The meeting opened at 6:30 a.m. in McClain Hall with Dr. John Whitcomb in charge of devotions. After breakfast the meeting reconvened in Fellowship Hall. Paul Morris led in a song, and John Mayes led in prayer. John Davis brought the last of his devotional messages on "The Secret of Effective Progress." A short period of fellowship followed.

The business session was opened in prayer by Chairman Mayes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The chairman then asked Tom Inman, the vice-chairman, to take the chair. A substitute motion of the previous day was presented. While it is not our purpose here to enter specifically into the controversy concerning the dismissal of two professors from Grace College, and while it is not our purpose to claim perfection for our denominational school, it is our purpose to bring an immediate end to the specific mailing program associated with the names of two of our Brethren, J. Paul Miller and George Cripe, members of this ministerium. To that end we recommend:

1. That this identified activity cease.
2. That we request that those brothers in the Lord mentioned pledge themselves to new cooperation with the Board of Trustees.
3. That we request the trustees to be receptive to constructive personal comments or letters received individually from any minister in good standing in our brotherhood.
4. That in the event these things are not done, our body shall stand ready to investigate whether or not any of our members, who annually expect cards of good standing in this ministerium, have earned for themselves some form of censure by this body.

A motion prevailed to extend the time as necessary. A motion prevailed to move the previous question. Vote on the substitute motion carried.

A motion prevailed that next year's chairman appoint a committee to study the matter of procedures in licensing and ordaining men. A motion prevailed to study the matter of dues next year. The announcements followed: Vernon Harris announced the following committees for next year: (1) Program—Paul Fink, chairman, John Whitcomb, Dean Fetterhoff, and Howard Mayes; (2) Nominations—John Mayes, chairman, Richard DeArmey, and Lester Pifer.

The minutes were approved as read.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

Vernon Harris closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Kern, secy.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Pres.—Kenneth R. Kohler, 1209 Pratt St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19124
V. Pres.—Roy H. Lowery, 118 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, Md.
Secy.—Millard S. Speece, 976 Kenosha Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45429
Treas.—Ben C. Zimmerman, R. R. 1, Warsaw, Ind. 46580
Editor—Kenneth E. Herman, 108 Third St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate the worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with His Holy Word, the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.
2. Promote Christian fellowship among men of The Brethren Church.
3. Effect an organization of Brethren laymen, banded together by the bonds of Christ's love to spread the gospel far and wide. To encourage men to work in close cooperation with their pastor under the direction of the Holy Spirit in the privilege that is ours of being co-laborers with Jesus Christ.

Goals

To encourage—

1. The daily reading, studying, and distribution of the Book of Books, the Bible.
2. Witnessing for Christ, our Saviour, through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.
3. The wholehearted support of our local church and pastor and our local, district, and national boards.
4. The formation of laymen's organizations and Christian Service Brigades in all our churches.

Projects

1. Scholarship Fund	$2,000
2. Board of Evangelism	3,500
3. General Fund	1,000
Total	$6,500

1966 Conference Notes

Sessions 136 through 140 were held in the Social Room of the First Presbyterian Church, Winona Lake, Indiana. All national officers were present with the exception of Mr. Ralph Grady, our secretary. Mr. W. K. Smith served as secretary pro-tempore. We had an average attendance of 73 with a high of 88 on Wednesday, August 17. Our offering amounted to $241.04 for the five days.

Each session began with prayer and praise in song to our Lord. Each day brought an inspiring message on the general theme of "Evangelism." The five topics were: "A Layman's Look at Evangelism," by our president, George Wilhelm; "The Challenge of Evangelism," by Rev. Scott Weaver; "Evangelism in Missions" and "Review of Missions in Africa," by Dr. Orville Jobson, who just returned from the missionary field of Africa; and "Methods of Evangelism," by Rev. Bill Smith. Rev. William Schaffer outlined the program of ministers' retirement.

On Friday, August 19, our devotional and prayer time was held in conjunction with the Brethren ministers at the Free Methodist Fellowship Hall, where we all enjoyed coffeecake and coffee.

Motion prevailed to propose to the executive editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company that the addresses and telephone numbers of the district presidents of the Laymen's Fellowship be printed in the **Brethren Annual** each year.

Newly elected officers were installed by Rev. Bill Smith, using Luke 10:1-3.

Motion prevailed that we obtain the Rainbow Room in the Westminster Hotel for 1967.

District Laymen Presidents

Allegheny—James Lunden, 725 Beech St., Grafton, W. Va.

Iowa—Ted Coulson
Mid-Atlantic—Roy Duncan, R. R. 5, Winchester, Va. 22601
Midwest—John Salazar, 117 Pleasant, N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87107
Northern Atlantic—William Hetrick, 700 Norristown Rd., Maple Glen, Pa.
Northern Ohio—Dale C. Lanning, 476 Birchlawn Blvd., Mansfield, Ohio
Northwest—Fred Harris, 1004 Powell, Grandview, Wash. 98930
Southeast—Ray Naff, 3149 Galloway Dr. S.W., Roanoke, Va.
Southern California-Arizona—Dick Dickinson, 3463 Monogram, Long Beach, Calif. 90808
Southern Ohio—Harvey Skiles, 1130 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45406

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966

Balance brought forward	$38.74
Receipts for the year	2,417.23
Disbursements	2,439.65
Balance	$16.32
Disbursement Breakdown	
Board of Evangelism	$648.33
Grace College and Seminary (Scholarship Fund)	1,248.96
Returned outdated check	11.00
General Fund Breakdown	
National Sunday School Board	$2.35
Brethren Missionary Herald	60.00
Travel expense, national officers	371.16
Mailing expense	82.85
Sign painting	15.00
Total disbursements	$2,439.65

NOTE: A total of $8,479.94 has been received for the scholarship fund and is currently on deposit with the Brethren Investment Foundation earning 5 per cent interest

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

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Secy.—Robert Kern
Asst. Secy.—Howard Mayes
Member at Large—Harold Penrose
Member at Large—Forrest Jackson
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Bookkeeper—Mrs. Lorraine Tasker
Office Secy.—Mrs. Timothy Farner
Board members listed on page 4

All correspondence relating to Christian education work should be addressed to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Rev. Bill Smith, Director
Box 355, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

All correspondence relating to scheduling of evangelists should be directed to Rev. Smith. Also, all checks should be made payable to the Board of Evangelism and mailed to Rev. Smith.

Chmn.—Dean Fetterhoff
V. Chmn.—Robert Collitt
Secy.—Mason Cooper
Asst. Secy.—Kenneth Herman
Treas.—Russel Dunlap
Asst. Treas.—Joe Dombek
Board members listed on page 4

DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

ALLEGHENY

Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia, June 26-28, 1967.

Executive Committee
Mod.—Robert Burns
V. Mod.—Shimer Darr
Secy.—Mrs. John Hottle
R.R. 1, Friedens, Pa. 15541
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725 Beech St., Grafton, W. Va. 26354
Stat.—William Snell
Members at Large—Robert Cockrell, Paul Mohler

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Max DeArmey

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Ed Flick

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Michael Funderburg
Mrs. Paul Mohler

Credentials
Roy Kreimes
Robert Cockrell
Mrs. Clarence Firl

Laymen
Pres.—James Lunden
V. Pres.—Beryl Ward
Secy.—Robert Riffle
Treas.—John McClain
Boy's Adviser—Ron Thomas

Ministerial Examining Board
Chmn.—True Hunt
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Rex Ullum
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Russell Beech
Donald West
Carl Grew
Richard Tracewell
James Kimmel
Bruce Rosner
John McClain
Gerald Durham

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Mrs. Shimer Darr
Ben Callis

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Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Paul Mohler
District Editor—Mrs. Frances Herring

Ministerium

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V. Chmn.—Paul Mohler
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Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Michael Funderburg

Moderator's Address

Chmn.—Melvin Hobson
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Mrs. Harry Leydig

Resolutions

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Treas.—Arbuta Phillippi
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Youth

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V. Pres.—Robert Burns
Secy.—William Snell
Meyersdale, Pa.
Asst. Secy.—Melvin Hobson

Cooperating Churches

Accident, Md.—First Grace Brethren
Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren
Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren
Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren
Listie, Pa.—Listie Brethren
Meyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Brethren
Meyersdale, Pa.—Summit Mills Brethren
Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren
Stoystown, Pa.—Reading Brethren
Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren
Washington, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Westernport, Md.—Mill Run Grace Brethren

EAST

The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pennsylvania, April 20-22, 1967.

Executive Committee

Mod.—Alva Steffler
V. Mod.—Victor Rogers
Secy.—Fred Walter
R.R. 4, Kittanning, Pa. 16201
Asst. Secy.—Ralph Burns
Treas.—Sheldon Snyder
609 26th St., Altoona, Pa. 16602
Stat.—Miss Rose Snyder
Members at Large—Don Rager, Dean Walter

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Manager—Don Rough

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Secy.—Fred Walter
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Youth

Pres.—John Terrell
V. Pres.—Alva Steffler
Secy.-Treas.—Clair Gartland
All active district pastors

Cooperating Churches

Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren
Altoona, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Pike Brethren
Conemaugh, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace Brethren
Duncansville, Pa.—Leamersville Grace Brethren
Everett, Pa.—Everett Grace Brethren
Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg Brethren
Hopewell, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Jefferson Center, Pa.—Calvary Brethren
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Johnstown, Pa.—Geistown Grace Brethren
Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren
Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren
Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo Brethren
Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren

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Moderator



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Vice Moderator

MISSIONS DAY OF PRAYER
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August 12, 1967

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AUGUST 13-14, 1967

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AUGUST 13-20, 1967



Rev. Phillip J. Simmons
Assistant Secretary

f Brethren Churches



v. Clyde K. Landrum
Secretary

NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

AUGUST 14-20, 1967

WINONA LAKE,
INDIANA



Mr. Earle Cole
Statistician



Mr. Frank Poland
Treasurer

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Florida Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Florida, March, 1967.

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Conference Goals

Dean Risser
Gene Witzky
Stan Scheuch

Youth

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Cooperating Churches

Fort Lauderdale—Grace Brethren
Fort Myers—Grace Brethren
Maitland—Grace Brethren
Margate—Grace Brethren
Pompano Beach—Grace Brethren

INDIANA

Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Bethe Brethren Church, Berne, Indiana, Apri 6-8, 1967.

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Fort Wayne—Grace Brethren
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Leesburg—Leesburg Brethren
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South Bend—Ireland Road Grace Brethren
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IOWA

Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, June 23-24, 1967.

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Cooperating Churches
Cedar Rapids—Grace Brethren
Dallas Center—First Brethren

Davenport—Grace Brethren
Des Moines—First Brethren
Garwin—Carlton Brethren
Leon—Leon Brethren
North English—Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren
Waterloo—Grace Brethren
Winona, Minn.—Grace Brethren

MICHIGAN

Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Michigan, April 7-9, 1967.

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Berrien Springs—Grace Brethren
Hastings—Grace Brethren
Jackson—Grace Brethren
Lake Odessa—Grace Brethren
Lansing—Grace Brethren
New Troy—New Troy Brethren
Trout Lake—Grace Brethren

MID-ATLANTIC

Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Camp Wabana, Mayo, Maryland, June 2-4, 1967.

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Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren

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Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity Brethren
Washington, D. C.—First Brethren
Washington, D. C.—Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington
Waynesboro, Pa.—First Brethren
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MIDWEST

Midwest District of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebraska, June 9-11, 1967.

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Cooperating Churches

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Arvada, Colo.—Arvada Grace Brethren
Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren
Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren
Denver, Colo.—Denver Grace Brethren
Portis, Kans.—First Brethren
Taos, N. Mex.—Canon Brethren

NO. ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Pinebrook Conference Grounds, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, April 28-30, 1967.

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Moderator's Address

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Resolutions

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Lancaster, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster
Manheim, Pa.—Manheim Grace Brethren
Palmyra, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren
Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren
Telford, Pa.—Penn Valley Grace Brethren
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NOR-CAL

Nor-Cal Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Cooperating Churches
Chico—Grace Brethren
Grass Valley—Grace Brethren
Modesto—Greenwood Grace Brethren
Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren
Sacramento—Grace Brethren
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Tracy—Grace Brethren

NO. OHIO

Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, April 20-21, 1967.

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Bellville—First Brethren Church of Ankenytown
Bowling Green—Good News Brethren
Canton—Grace Brethren
Cleveland—Lyndhurst Grace Brethren
Columbus—Grace Brethren
Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren
Danville—Danville Brethren
Defiance—Grace Church of Defiance
Elyria—Grace Brethren
Findlay—Findlay Brethren
Fremont—Brethren Chapel
Fremont—Grace Brethren
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Rittman—First Brethren
Sterling—First Brethren
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NORTHWEST

Northwest District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Washington, February 20-22, 1967.

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Beaverton, Oreg.—Grace Brethren
Bothell, Wash.—Grace Brethren
Grandview, Wash.—First Brethren
Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren
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Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren
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Cooperating Churches

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Simi—Grace Brethren
South Gate—First Brethren
South Pasadena—Fremont Avenue Brethren
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Dayton—Basore Road Grace Brethren
Dayton—Brethren Church of Huber Heights
Dayton—First Brethren
Dayton—North Riverdale Brethren
Dayton—Patterson Park Brethren
Dryhill, Ky.—Grace Brethren Chapel
Englewood—Englewood Grace Brethren
Kettering—Calvary Brethren
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Troy—Grace Brethren
Vandalia—Vandalia Grace Brethren
West Alexandria—Grace Brethren Community

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Listed by States; Giving City, Pastor's Name, Church Name, Membership as of January 1, 1966, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary or Clerk

ARIZONA

PHOENIX (Russell E. Konves)
Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix (121)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Zip 85017 (Tel. 602-264-5821)
Mrs. Dorothy Shaeffer, 5110 N. 60th Dr., Glendale, Ariz.

TUCSON (Harold D. Painter)
Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (48)
1477 N. Silverbell Rd., Zip 85705 (Tel. 602-623-3388) (Leave Freeway at Speedway exit, west to Silverbell Rd., north on Silverbell ¼ mile to church)
Mrs. William Kluth, 1513 N. Rosemont Blvd.

CALIFORNIA

ANAHEIM (Donald F. Carter)
Grace Community Brethren Church (134)
1546 E. La Palma Blvd., Zip 92805 (Tel. 714-535-2073)
Mrs. June Bradford, 1825 E. Chelsea Dr.

BEAUMONT (Neil L. Beery)
Cherry Valley Brethren Church (190)
Vineland and Beaumont Aves. (Three miles north of Highway 99), Zip 92223 (Tel. 714-845-2643)
Mrs. Carl Hitsch, Box 606

BELL (Ernest H. Bearinger)
Bell Brethren Church (99)
6830 Wilcox Ave., Zip 90201 (Tel. 213-582-7033)
Mrs. Richard Olsen, 6614 Sherman Way

BELLFLOWER (Raymond W. Thompson, Edwin E. Cashman)
The First Brethren Church of Bellflower (386)
9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flower Sts.), Zip 90706 (Tel. 213-867-6132)
Mrs. Ruth Blake, 6143 Pearce, Lakewood, Calif.

CARMICHAEL (Charles Martin)
Grace Brethren Church of Sacramento (64)
3644 Mission Ave., Zip 95608 (Tel. 916-483-2840)
Mrs. Roberta Collins, 7409 Rollingwood Blvd., Citrus Heights, Calif. 95610

CHICO (William L. Shelby)
Grace Brethren Church of Chico (39)
1505 Arbutus Ave., Zip 95926 (Tel. 916-342-8642)
Dorothy Yeater, 819 Nancy Lane

FILLMORE (Ord Gehman)
First Brethren Church (96)
422 Central Ave., Zip 93015 (Tel. 805-524-1883)
Mrs. Gladys Carpenter, 706½ "B" St.

GARDENA (Dale C. Hostetler)
Grace Brethren Church (35)
1823 W. 150th St. (at Western Ave.), Zip 90249 (Tel. 213-323-9755)
Mrs. Betty Leidner, 13106 S. Vermont Ave., Apt. 4

GLENDALE
First Brethren Church (99)
632 W. Stocker St., Zip 91202 (corner of Kenilworth and Stocker) (Tel. 213-242-1808)
Mrs. Gretchen Deitrick, 1456 Dorothy Dr.

GLENDORA (Arthur A. Durr)
Grace Brethren Church (74)
101 E. Whitcomb Ave.
Corvin Cripe, R.R.

GRAND TERRACE (Arthur Carey—Robert Addison)
Community Grace Brethren of Grand Terrace (36)
12408 S. Mt. Vernon (four miles east of Riverside)
Mrs. Selena Lynn, 1140 E. Lugonia, Redlands, Calif.

GRASS VALLEY (Arthur L. Pekarek)
Grace Brethren Church (25)
Alta Oaks Sunset Fire Station, Alta and Ridge Rds., Zip 95945
Mrs. Nettie Leigh, R.R. 2, Box 2077

INGLEWOOD
First Brethren Church (237)
2400 W. 85th St., Zip 90305 (Manchester at Van Ness) (Tel. 213-751-2505)
Mrs. Doris Wedin, 4063 Abourne Rd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90008

LA HABRA (Robert W. Hill)
La Habra Brethren Church (162)
1540 W. Central, Zip 90631 (Tel. 714-OW1-3724)
Stu Sittig, 1221 Rebecca Dr.

LAKEWOOD (Robert L. Bates)
Grace Brethren Church (101)
11859 E. 209th St., Lakewood. Calif., Zip 90713 (1 block east of Pioneer Blvd. and 1 block north of Centralia Rd.) (Tel. 213-863-4366)
Mrs. Warren Craig, 7782 Joel St., Stanton, Calif.

LA PUENTE (Frank Dunigan)
Grace Brethren Church (16)
15726 Abbey St., Zip 91747 (Tel. 213-696-9837)
Mrs. Barbara Ragan, 13861 Proctor

LA VERNE (Elias D. White)
First Brethren Church (114)
Third and "E" Sts., Zip 91750 (Tel. 714-593-1204)
Mrs. Ruth Campbell, 774 Shasta Way, Upland, Calif. 91786

LONG BEACH (Gene A. Klingler)
Community Grace Brethren Church (148)
5885 Downey Ave., Zip 90805 (Tel. 213-634-1056)
Mrs. Suanne Swan, 1909 E. Palmer, Compton, Calif.

LONG BEACH (Charles W. Mayes)
First Brethren Church (1131)
3601 Linden Ave., Zip 90807 (Tel. 213-427-9974)
Mrs. Dorothea Humphreville, 5450 Abbeyfield St., Zip 90815

LONG BEACH (Harold B. Penrose)
Los Altos Brethren Church (280)
6565 Stearns St., Zip 90815 (Tel. 213-431-0993)
Mrs. Floyd Strawsburg, 6330 Deborah St., Zip 90815

LONG BEACH (George O. Peek)
North Long Beach Brethren Church (1333)
6095 Orange Ave., Zip 90805 (Tel. 213-GA3-5431)
Mrs. Betty Wilson, 5501 Lewis St.

LOS ANGELES (Ron Graff)
Community Brethren Church (174)
756 S. Keenan, Zip 90022 (Tel. 213-721-5972)
Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell, Monterey Park, Calif.

MODESTO (J. Paul Miller)
La Loma Grace Brethren Church (261)
1315 La Loma Ave., Zip 95351 (Tel. 209-523-3738)
Max Williams, 1244 Grinnell St.

MODESTO (Robert C. Kliewer)
Greenwood Grace Brethren Church (37)
605 Standiford Ave., Zip 95350 (Temporarily meeting in Sylvan Clubhouse, Sylvan and McHenry Sts.) (Tel. 209-529-3536)
Mrs. Frances Skiles, 3513 Toomes Rd.

MONTCLAIR (Forest F. Lance)
Grace Brethren Church (78)
5655 Palo Verde St., Zip 91763 (Tel. 714-984-2323)
Mrs. Charles Ashman, 803 S. Lolita, West Covina, Calif.

NORWALK (Howard W. Mayes)
Norwalk Brethren Church (260)
11005 Foster Rd., Zip 90650 (N.E. corner of Studebaker and Foster Rds.) (Tel. 213-UN3-7322)
Mrs. Helen Soverns, 14503 Crossdale Ave.

RIALTO (Gerald Polman)
Rialto Brethren Church (123)
Box 337, 690 W. Etiwanda Ave., Zip 92376 (Tel. 714-875-0730)
Mrs. Wallace Netzley, 853 N. Pampas

ROWLAND HEIGHTS (Robert D. McCormick)
Hillside Brethren Church (31)
2804 Fullerton Rd., Zip 91745 (Tel. 213-964-2117)
Ilene Rogers, 15765 Pescados Dr., La Mirada, Calif.

SAN BERNARDINO (James S. McClellan)
Grace Brethren Church (214)
25700 Pacific St., Zip 92404 (corner Pacific and Sterling Aves.) (Tel. 714-TU9-8695)
Mrs. Phanetta Nowka, 1880 Millard St., Rialto, Calif.

SAN DIEGO (Henry Dalke)
Grace Brethren Church (75)
3455 Atlas St., Zip 92111 (Tel. 714-277-5364)
Mrs. Don Wood, 7276 Fulton

SAN JOSE (Lyle W. Marvin)
Grace Brethren Church (79)
4610 Camden Ave., Zip 95124 (1 mile south from Camden Ave. turnoff on Highway 17) (Tel. 408-269-1289)
Mrs. Virginia Hinkel, 2144 Casa Mia Dr.

SEAL BEACH (E. John Gillis)
Grace Brethren Church (172)
8th and Central, Zip 90740 (Tel. 213 430-3722)
John Nagle, 6071 Camphor Ave.; Westminster, Calif.

SIMI (Elmer D. Fricke)
Simi Community Brethren Church (37)
2762 Avenidasimi, Zip 93065 (Syca more and Avenidasimi) (Tel. 527 0195)
Mrs. Eileen Schimmels, 1507 First St

SOUTH GATE (Wayne S. Flory)
First Brethren Church (98)
2953 Sequoia Dr., Zip 90281 (Tel. 213-566-6433)
Mrs. Ella Hickey, 10231 Pescadero Ave.

SOUTH PASADENA (C. Fred Berkemer)
Fremont Avenue Brethren Church (169)
920 Fremont Ave. (corner of Fremont and El Centro; across from main post office), (Tel. 213-799-6081)
Mrs. Grace McKean, 9535 Harrell, Pico Rivera, Calif.

TEMPLE CITY (Robert L. Firl)
Temple City Brethren Church (66)
5537 Temple City Blvd., Zip 91780 (Tel. 213-286-6342)
Mrs. David Eggers, 5410 N. Maple-tree, Arcadia, Calif.

TRACY (C. Richard Cripe)
Grace Brethren Church (25)
1480 Parker Ave., Zip 95376 (corner of Beverly and Parker) (Tel. 209-835-5671)
Mrs. Chester A. Wampler, 239 E. Highland Ave.

WEST COVINA (Arthur N. Malles)
West Covina Brethren Church (85)
710 N. Lark Ellen, Zip 91790 (Tel. 213-332-0682)
Mrs. Dianne Artz, 1405 E. Puente Ave.

WESTMINSTER (Douglas E. Bray)
Westminster Brethren Church (158)
14614 Magnolia Ave., Zip 92683 (Tel. 714-893-5500)
Mrs. Marlene Roach, 10078 Los Caballos Ct., Fountain Valley, Calif.

WHITTIER (Ward A. Miller)
Community Brethren Church of Whittier (342)
8101 S. Vicki Dr., Zip 90606 (Tel. 213-695-8118)
Michael Simmons, 11451 Allerton

WHITTIER (Lewis C. Hohenstein)
First Brethren Church (498)
144 N. Milton, Zip 90608 (Milton and Bailey; downtown Whittier). Mailing address: P.O. Box 174 (Tel. 213-OX3-7666)
Paul Hubbling, 12922 E. Danbrook

COLORADO

ARVADA (J. C. "Bill" McKillen)
Grace Brethren Church (28)
7100 Wadsworth Blvd., Zip 80002 (Turn east from Wadsworth Blvd. at 71st Ave.; follow road around base of hill, curving northward, to entrance at east side of property) (Tel. 303-424-3116)
Mrs. Max Rollins, 13360 W. 78th Ave.

DENVER (F. Thomas Inman)
Denver Grace Brethren Church (100)
700 S. Federal Blvd., Zip 80219 (Federal Blvd. and Exposition) (Tel. 303-934-7876)
Doris Turgon, 3219 W. Custer

WASH, D. C.

WASHINGTON (W. A. Ogden)
First Brethren Church (254)
439 12th St., S.E., Zip 20003 (Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E Sts., S.E.) (Tel. 301-544-6142)
Mrs. Lee Raum, 2104 31st Place, S.E., Zip 20020

WASHINGTON (James G. Dixon, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington (130)
5000 St. Barnabas Rd., Temple Hills, Md. 20031 (southeast suburban Washington, just off the Capital Beltway) (Tel. 301-894-8477)
Edward Brandt, Jr., 7137 Roosevelt Ave., Tyler Park, Falls Church, Va. 22042

FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE (Ralph J. Colburn)
Grace Brethren Church (309)
1800 N.W., 9th Ave., Zip 33311 (Tel. 305-524-6235)
Mrs. Edna Cason, 1616 Davie Blvd.

FORT MYERS (Bernard N. Schneider)
Grace Brethren Church (17)
Crystal Dr., Zip 33901 (5 miles south of Fort Myers, just off Highway number 4) (Tel. WE6-1724)
Mrs. Helen Davidson, 1923 Maple Dr.

MAITLAND (Herman W. Koontz)
Grace Brethren Church of Maitland (13)
610 S. Maitland Ave., Zip 32751 (Mailing address: 774 Fern Park Blvd., Fern Park, Fla. 32730) (6 miles north of Orlando on Lake Lily and across from the Maitland Civic Center)
Hubert Finfrock, 2136 Albert Lee Parkway, Winter Park, Fla. 32789

MARGATE (Dean Risser)
Grace Brethren Church (71)
6100 S.W. 10th Court, Zip 33063 (2 miles south of Margate on U.S. 441) (Tel. 305-972-0542)
Mrs. Betty Shallcross, 2613 N.W. 64th Ave.

POMPANO BEACH (Gene E. Witzky)
Grace Brethren Church (62)
3501 N.E. Third Ave., Zip 33064 (1 block south of Sample Rd.) (Tel. 305-941-3176)
Richard Juday, 912 N.E. 7th St., Zip 33060

HAWAII

AIEA (Edmund M. Leech)
Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (41)
98-404 Ponohale St., Zip 96701 (Tel. 466-006)
Mrs. Miyoko Nakasone, 98-347 Ponohale St., Zip 96701

WAHIAWA (Foster Tresise)
Waipio Grace Brethren Church (31)
95-303 Waioni St., Zip 96786 (Church is located in Waipio Acres, 3 miles east of Wahiawa) (Tel. 627-090)
Mrs. Elizabeth Oshiro, 95-221 Waipono Pl., Zip 96786

ILLINOIS

WHEATON (Dean Fetterhoff)
Wheaton Grace Brethren Church (59)
112 S. Dorchester Ave., Zip 60187 (Tel. 312-668-5904)
Mrs. Wayne Eastridge, 26W246 Peterson Rd.

INDIANA

BERNE (Kenneth E. Russell)
Bethel Brethren Church (188)
R.R. 2 (Mailing address: 417 W. Water St.), Zip 46711 (6 miles east on Ind. 218 and ½ mile south) (Tel. 219-589-3381)
Mrs. John Burkhart, R.R. 1, Monroe, Ind.

CLAY CITY (Robert Clouse)
First Brethren Church (52)
Tenth and Cook Sts., Zip 47841
Miss Lavaughn Backfisch, R.R. 1

ELKHART (Gordon W. Bracker)
Grace Brethren Church (140)
1600 E. Mishawaka Rd., Zip 46514 (Tel. 219-875-5271)
Mrs. Maynard Russell, 4625 S. Main St., Zip 46514

FLORA (Lee H. Dice)
Grace Brethren Church (128)
Main and Willow Sts., Zip 46929 (Tel. 219-967-3020)
Mrs. Melvin Fisher, R.R. 1

FORT WAYNE (M. Lee Myers)
First Brethren Church (288)
3326 S. Calhoun St., Zip 46807 (opposite South Side High School) (Tel. 219-744-1065)
Mrs. Richard H. Foote, church address

FORT WAYNE (W. Stanley Jensen)
Grace Brethren Church (84)
4619 Stellhorn Rd., Zip 46805 (north side of State Highway 37, N.E.) (Tel. 219-748-1355)
Mrs. William R. Spurr, 4911 Haffner Dr.

GOSHEN (Paul D. Morris)
Grace Brethren Church (85)
1801 W. Clinton St., Zip 46526 (Mailing address: Box 123) (Tel. 219-533-7546)
Mrs. Barbara Ritchey, R.R. 4, Box 58

INDIANAPOLIS (Jerry R. Young)
Grace Brethren Church (9)
Mailing address: 5640 W. 38th St., Zip 46241 (Tel. 293-3372) (Temporary meeting place: Krannert Family YMCA, 605 S. High School Rd.) (West side of town, adjacent to Interstate 465)
Mrs. Lloyd Schrock, 3124 Bonham Dr., Zip 46222

KOKOMO (Herman H. Hein, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (68)
4901 Arrowhead Blvd., Zip 46901 (in Indian Heights addition; south of Kokomo on 31 Bypass) (Tel. 317-453-0734)
Mrs. David Boone, 300W 200S, R.R. 6

LEESBURG (Kenneth Koontz)
Leesburg Brethren Church (80)
Box 202, Zip 46538 (opposite schoolhouse) (Tel. 219-453-7401)
Mrs. Voyle Osborn, R.R. 2

OSCEOLA (Richard P. DeArmey)
Bethel Brethren Church (298)
Lincoln Way and Oregon (Mailing address: R.R. 3, Box 121), Zip 46561 (Tel. 219-679-4749)
Glen Stealy, 3505 Pleasant St., South Bend, Ind.

PERU (Gerald H. Root)
Peru Brethren Church (120)
430 S. Broadway, Zip 46970 (Mailing address: 260 W. 10th St.) (Tel. 317-473-3881)
Chester Finster, 950 Rosewood Dr.

SELLERSBURG (Glenn R. Coats)
Grace Brethren Church of Sellersburg (13)
336 W. Utica St., Zip 47172 (3 blocks west of U.S. 31)
James M. Nunn, R.R. 2, Borden, Ind.

SIDNEY (A. Rollin Sandy)
Sidney Brethren Church (49)
Miss Enid Heckman, R.R. 2, North Manchester, Ind.

SOUTH BEND (Sherwood V. Durkee)
Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church (119)
1701 E. Ireland Rd., Zip 46614 (on Ireland Rd. between Miami and Ironwood Rds.) (Tel. 219-291-3550)
Mrs. Raymond Britton, 19739 Reasor St., Zip 46614

WARSAW (Mark E. Malles)
Community Grace Brethren Church (97)
909 S. Buffalo St., Zip 46580 (Tel. 219-267-5788)
Edward Bowman, 1503 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

WINONA LAKE (Charles H. Ashman, Jr.)
Winona Lake Brethren Church (280)
Grace Seminary Bldg., Zip 46590 (Mailing address: Box 385) (Tel. 219-267-6623)
Dr. Norman Uphouse, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind. 46580

IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS (W. Wayne Baker)
Grace Brethren Church (71)
2905 D Ave., N.E., Zip 52402 (29th St. and D. Ave., N.E.) (Tel. 319-363-4983)
Miss Nancy Gorsh, 1108 3rd St., S.W.

DALLAS CENTER (James L. Custer)
First Brethren Church (187)
Maple and Hatton Sts., Zip 50063 (Tel. 515-837-3235)
Mrs. Galen Fitz, 905 14th St.

DAVENPORT (Frank H. Gardner)
Grace Brethren Church (29)
1035 W. Kimberly Rd., Zip 52806 (next to osteopathic hospital) (Tel. 319-391-4403)
Virginia Aupperle, 3339 W. Lombard, Zip 52804

DES MOINES (Richard D. Sellers)
First Brethren Church (135)
Corner E. 10th and Lyon Sts., Zip 50316 (2 blocks north of state capitol bldg.) (Tel. 515-262-5290)
Leon L. Long, 3714 Cornell St.

GARWIN (Milton M. Ryerson)
Carlton Brethren Church (116)
R.R. 1, Zip 50632 (6½ miles southwest of Garwin)
Mrs. Carl Kouba, Toledo, Iowa

LEON (Glen H. Welborn)
Leon Brethren Church (105)
108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)
Mrs. Ray Andrew, R.R. 1

NORTH ENGLISH
Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (73)
R.R. 1, Zip 52316 (2 miles east of Millersburg) (Tel. 319-664-5311)
Mrs. Gene Herdlicka, R.R., Williamsburg, Iowa

WATERLOO (John M. Aeby)
Grace Brethren Church (317)
1760 Williston Ave., Zip 50702 (Tel. 319-234-8473)
Mrs. Donald Sawyer, 1226 W. 6th St., Zip 50702

KANSAS

PORTIS (Clarence H. Lackey)
First Brethren Church (142)
Box 125, Zip 67474 (on Highway 281) (Tel. 913-368-4711)
Mrs. Kenneth Gentzler

KENTUCKY

CLAYHOLE (Sewell S. Landrum)
Clayhole Brethren Church (41)
Route 15, Zip 41317 (14 miles southeast of Jackson on Highway 15) (Tel. 606-666-5050)
Mrs. Martha Combs, Route 15

DRYHILL (Marvin E. Lowery)
Grace Brethren Chapel (22)
12 miles north of Hyden on Route 257 (Tel. Hyden, Ky. 606-672-2520)
Mrs. Ted Begley, Confluence, Ky.

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Frederick Crawford, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (38)
3 miles south of Accident, Zip 21520 (Tel. 301-826-8207)
Benjamin E. Callis, Box 25

HAGERSTOWN (Galen M. Lingenfelter)
Calvary Brethren Church (249)
Bryan Place and W. Franklin St. (U.S. 40 West), Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-733-6375)
Richard Kline, 54 E. Irvin Ave., Zip 21740

HAGERSTOWN (Gerald W. Teeter)
Gay Street Brethren Church (121)
Gay and Allen Sts., Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-582-0155)
Mrs. Ruth Ardinger, 25 E. Lincoln

HAGERSTOWN (Robert B. Collitt)
Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church (423)
First and Spruce Sts., Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-739-1726)
John Kleppinger, 43 W. Long Meadow

WESTERNPORT (Michael D. Funderburg)
Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (16)
R.R. 1, Zip 21562 (4 miles north of Westernport, west off Route 36)
Mrs. Gerald Derham, R.R. 1

MICHIGAN

ALTO (Charles A. Flowers)
Calvary Brethren Church (58)
13626 84th St., S. E., R.R. 2, Zip 49302 (84th St. near Logan Lake) (Tel. 616-868-4142)
Lloyd Miller, Pratt Lake Rd., R.R. 2

BERRIEN SPRINGS (Robert Poirier)
Grace Brethren Church
Rose Hill Road

HASTINGS (Russell Sarver)
Hastings Grace Brethren Church (13)
243 S. Jefferson St. (corner of Jefferson and Center), Zip 49058
Mrs. Linda Brovont, 7817 Hearthway, Jenison, Mich.

JACKSON (Gilbert Hawkins)
Grace Brethren Church (17)
4100 Clinton Rd., Zip 49202 (North of Jackson on U.S. 127 to M-50 and 127 junction; take M-50 ½ mile) (Tel. 517-784-5403)
Mrs. George E. McCombs, Mack Island Rd., Grass Lake, Mich.

LAKE ODESSA (Simon T. Toroian)
Grace Brethren Church (70)
R.R. 1, Zip 48849 (1 mile south of M-50, ½ mile east of Nash Rd.) (Tel. 616-693-3251)
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, Tasker Rd.

LANSING (Randall E. Poyner)
Grace Brethren Church (77)
3904 W. Willow St., Zip 48917 (Tel. 517-372-0482)
John Wedding, 2916 Colchester Rd.

NEW TROY (Gerald L. Kelley)
New Troy Brethren Church (79)
Box 67, Zip 49119 (corner of Weechick Rd. and Detroit St.) (Tel. 616-HA6-3121)
Mrs. Ben Mensinger, R.R. 2, Three Oaks, Mich.

TROUT LAKE (Donald R. Taylor)
Grace Brethren Church (49)
Zip 49793 (5½ miles east and 1 mile south of Trout Lake on M-48) (Tel. 906-Trout Lake 602)
Mrs. Fred Huntley, P.O. Box 122

MINNESOTA

WINONA (Donald W. Farner)
Grace Brethren Church (28)
627 W. Wabasha (7th), Zip 55987 (Mailing address: 803 W. King St.)
Mrs. Everett Bearden, Lewiston, Minn.

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY (Jerry Classen)
Grace Brethren Church (87)
12th and "O" Sts., Zip 68926
Mrs. Lena Inman, Stamford, Nebr.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE (Robert G. Salazar)
Grace Brethren Church (70)
149 Daniel Circle, N.W., Zip 87107 (½ block east off 7600 block 2d St., N.W.) (Tel. 505-898-2554)
Sallie Salazar, 206 Second St., N.W.

TAOS (William Stevens)
Canon Brethren Church (110)
Raton Rd., Zip 87571 (Tel. 505-758-3388)
Miss Dolores Gallegos, Box 154,, L. C. Route, Zip. 87571

OHIO

AKRON (Vernon J. Harris)
Fairlawn Brethren Church (109)
754 Ghent Rd., Zip 44313 (State Rte. 176, between Rtes. 18 and 77) (Tel. 216-666-8341)
Mrs. Glen Gray, 2018 Thurmont Rd., Zip 44313

AKRON (John P. Burke)
First Brethren Church (306)
530 Stetler Ave., Zip 44312 (Ellet area) (Tel. 216-733-2520)
Mrs. Joseph Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave., Zip 44312

ASHLAND (Mason Cooper)
Southview Grace Brethren Church (194)
Katherine and Budd Sts. (across from stadium), Zip 44805 (Tel. 419-324-5251)
Vilas Deane, Loudenville, Ohio

ASHLAND (Jack K. Peters)
Grace Brethren Church (297)
W. Tenth St., Zip 44805 (Tel. 419-324-5374)
Mrs. Don Miller, 1008 Wick Ave.

BARBERTON (Irvin B. Miller)
First Brethren Church of Norton (55)
3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Zip 44203 (Norton Village, suburb of Barberton) (Tel. 216-825-6291)
Mrs. Robert Spahr, 941 Hopocan St., N.W.

BELLVILLE (Larry K. Gegner)
Ankenytown First Brethren Church (121)
R.R. 1, Zip 44813 (4½ miles northeast of Fredericktown on State Rte. 95) (Tel. 614-694-3197)
Donna Grubb, R.R. 1, Zip 44813

BOWLING GREEN (Marion R. Thomas)
Good News Grace Brethren Church (31)
121 S. Enterprise St., Zip 43402 (Just off Rte. 6 at Enterprise St.) (Tel. 419-352-6011)
Miss Rachel Lashuay, Milton Center, Ohio

BROOKVILLE (Clair E. Brickel)
Brookville Grace Brethren Church (75)
12222 Westbrook Rd., Zip 45309 (Mailing address: R.R. 1, Box 385BB)
Mrs. Don Dickey, R.R. 2

CAMDEN (Wendell England)
First Brethren Church (97)
West Central Ave. at Lafayette St., Zip 45311 (Tel. 513-452-1290)
Mrs. Dorothy Davenport, 183 N. 2d St., Zip 45311

CANTON (James M. Kennedy)
Grace Brethren Church (171)
6283 Market Ave., N., Zip 44721 (Tel. 216-499-3818)
Mrs. Adrian Preda, 270 Maplecrest S.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720

CLAYTON (William E. Howard)
Clayton Brethren Church (151)
Box 8, Zip 45315 (Salem and Kimmel Rd., ½ mile north of Rtes. 40 and 70) (Tel. 513-836-6247)
Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R.R. 1, Box 299, Brookville, Ohio

CLEVELAND (Jesse B. Deloe, Jr.)
Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church (97)
5564 Mayfield Rd., Zip 44124 (Tel. 216-442-5353)
Miss Mary Schulz, 4658 Liberty Rd., ZIP 44121

COVINGTON (Ralph F. Miller)
First Brethren Church (62)
Spring and Pearl Sts., Zip 45318 (Tel. 513-473-1351)
Mrs. Wayne Wise, R.R. 1

CUYAHOGA FALLS (Edward Lewis)
Grace Brethren Church (151)
1736 E. Bailey Rd., Zip 44221 (Tel. 216-923-8203)
Mrs. Michael Collard, 2398-27th St.

DANVILLE (Edward N. Wingard)
Danville Brethren Church (49)
E. Ross St. (southeast corner of Danville). Mailing address: P.O. Box 315, Zip 43014 (Tel. 614-599-3786)
Mrs. Aurice Magers, R.R. 2, Howard, Ohio

DAYTON (Russell M. Ward)
Basore Road Grace Brethren Church (65)
5900 Basore Rd., Zip 45415 (Tel. 513-278-7721)
Mrs. Audrey Cloud, 30 Redwood Ave., Zip 45405

DAYTON (G. Forrest Jackson)
First Brethren Church (484)
1684 Earlham Dr. (at Philadelphia Dr.), Zip 45406 (Tel. 513-277-3741)
Miss Esther Mowery, 31 N. Orchard Ave., Zip 45417

DAYTON (C. S. Zimmerman)
The Brethren Church of Huber Heights (23)
5901 Chambersburg Rd., Zip 45424
Mrs. Ray Bonham, 216 N. Main St., New Carlisle, Ohio

DAYTON (Richard L. Burch)
North Riverdale Brethren Church (185)
4101 N. Main St., Zip 45405 (Tel. 513-274-2187)
Mrs. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Ave., Zip 45414

DAYTON (Nathan D. Casement)
Patterson Park Brethren Church (350)
708 Shadowlawn Ave., Zip 45419 (corner of Patterson Rd., 1 block east of Shroyer Rd.) (Tel. 513-298-0155)
Don Coppock, 3767 Reinwood Dr.

DEFIANCE (Allen H. Herr)
Grace Church of Defiance (70)
R.R. 8, Zip 43512 (½ mile south of city limits on State Rte. 66) (Tel. 419-783-3691)
Dennis Stoller, 213 Seither Dr.

ELYRIA (Richard Placeway)
Grace Brethren Church (112)
1305 Nash Ave., Zip 44035 (Junction of Nash Ave, Rosealee Ave., and Randall Rd.) (Tel. 216-366-0755)
Mrs. Howard Carter, 380 Griswold Rd.

ENGLEWOOD (Lon Karns)
Englewood Grace Brethren Church (227)
307 W. Wenger Rd., Zip 45322
Mrs. Blanche Rike, R.R. 2, Brookville, Ohio

FINDLAY (Daniel S. Eshleman)
Findlay Brethren Church (150)
209 Lexington Ave., Zip 45840 (Tel. 419-422-8148)
Mrs. Geraldine Iliff ,507 Clifton Ave., Zip 45840

FREMONT (Granville A. Tucker)
Brethren Chapel (12)
1611 North St., Zip 43420 (Tel. 419-332-6109)
Carma Tucker, 501 Bidwell Ave.

FREMONT (J. Ward Tressler)
Grace Brethren Church (268)
300 S. Collinwood Blvd., Zip 43420 (2 blocks south of E. State St.) (Tel. 419-332-8672)
Mrs. Carl Brooks, 210 Cottage St.

GALION (Alva L. Conner)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
1055 Winchester Rd., Zip 44833 (adjacent to Renschville School) (Tel. 419-468-6848)
Mrs. John Morgan, 1055 Winchester Rd., Zip 44833

HOMERVILLE (Robert F. Holmes)
West Homer Brethren Church (144)
R.R. 1, Zip 44235 (2 miles west of Homerville on Rte. 224, and 1½ miles north on County Rd. 26) (Tel. 216-625-2579)
Mrs. Edmund Crosby, R.R. 1, Lodi, Ohio

KETTERING (Henry T. Barnhart)
Calvary Brethren Church (195)
2850 E. Dorothy Lane, Zip 45420 (south suburb of Dayton, Ohio) (Tel. 513-293-5822)
Mrs. L. B. Ford, 265 E. Whipp Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45459

LEXINGTON (Terrance T. Taylor)
Lexington Grace Brethren Church (35)
(Meeting temporarily at 2730 Lexington Ave. Rd. in Fesco Bldg.) Zip 44904 (Tel. 419-884-3142)
Mrs. Donald Renfroe, Maxwell Rd., R.R. 7

MANSFIELD (R. Paul Miller, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (437)
531 Marion Ave., Zip 44903 (Tel. 419-522-3941)
Mrs. James Moore, 86 S. Linden Rd.

MANSFIELD
Woodville Grace Brethren Church (198)
580 Woodville Rd., Zip 44907 (Tel. 419-524-8552)
Mrs. Curtis Beidelscheis, R.F.D. 4, Wolf Rd., Zip 44903

MIDDLEBRANCH (Wesley Haller)
Grace Brethren Church (251)
2911 William St., N.E., Zip 44652 (Tel. 216-499-6691)
Mrs. Doris Eckelberry, 3431 Kinsley Dr., N.E., Hartville, Ohio 44632

MINERVA (Roy E. Glass, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church of Minerva (30)
Bayard School, Lincoln Way, E., Zip 44657 (Tel. 216-862-4300)
Mrs. William DeBoer, 2430 Seneca St., Alliance, Ohio

RITTMAN (Charles W. Turner)
First Brethren Church (258)
44 S. First St., Zip 44270 (Tel. 216-925-3626)
Mrs. Mary Emch, 258 Ruefner St.

SINKING SPRING
Grace Brethren Church (57)
One block west of State Rte. 41, Zip 45133
Mrs. Willa Lawhorn, R.R. 4, Peebles, Ohio

STERLING (Robert P. Combs)
First Brethren Church (68)
R.R. 1, Zip 44276 (Tel. 216-939-2841)
Mrs. William Beichler, 75 Fairlawn Ave., Rittman, Ohio

TROTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)
Grace Brethren Church (72)
12 Strader Dr., Zip 45426 (across from the old Madison High School) (Tel. 513-837-6663)
Dr. Joseph Mohler, 5740 Seven Gables Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45426

TROY (John S. Neely)
Grace Brethren Church (94)
527 N. Market St., Zip 45373 (Tel. 513-335-1852)
Miss Blanche Garber, 661 N. Dixie Hwy.

VANDALIA (Everett N. Caes)
Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (74)
810 Larry Ave., Zip 45377 (corner of Larry Ave. and Brown School Rd.) (Tel. 513-898-6666)
Mrs. Vera Applegate, 521 Bayonne

WEST ALEXANDRIA (Horace H. Mohler)
Grace Brethren Community Church (101)
R.R. 3, Zip 45381 (2½ miles west of West Alexandria)
Mrs. Onedra Martin, R.R. 3, Box 178

WOOSTER (Kenneth B. Ashman)
First Brethren Church (457)
1894 Burbank Rd., Zip 44691 (north on State Rte. 76) (Tel. 216-263-3646)
Mrs. Donald Streit, Box 1

WORTHINGTON (David L. Hocking)
Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (93)
6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Zip 43085 (Tel. 614-888-7733)
Mrs. Blanche Whitlock, 948 S. Remington, Columbus, Ohio

OREGON

ALBANY (Adam H. Rager)
Grace Brethren Church (93)
Eighth and Ermine Sts., Zip 97321 (¼ mile west of Freeway 99 at the Albany exit) (Tel. 503-926-1836)
Mrs. Grace Juhnke, 120 N. Curtis St.

BEAVERTON (Luke E. Kauffman)
Grace Brethren Church (19)
980 N.W. 180th Ave., Zip 97005 (Corner of 180th and Walker Rd.)
Lee Bate, 747 E. Cedar, Hillsboro, Oreg.

PORTLAND (William H. Schaffer)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
7015 N.E. 23d Ave., Zip 97211 (Tel. 503-288-2436)
Mrs. Anita Peterson, 5631 N.E. 28th Ave., Zip 97211

PENNSYLVANIA

ALEPPO (Robert L. Burns)
Aleppo Brethren Church (70)
Box 32, Zip 15310 (Tel. 908-R-2)
Thelma Jones, Aleppo, Pa.

ALLENTOWN (Glenn E. Moore)
First Brethren Church (72)
632 N. 5th St., Zip 18102 (all church mail to parsonage) (Tel. 215-432-8913)
Miss Roberta Hartwiger, 1515 Kelchner Rd., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

ALTOONA (Robert Russell)
First Brethren Church (137)
2932 Maple Ave., Zip 16601 (Tel. 814-942-7642)
Ray Sell, Jr., 892 30th St.

ALTOONA (Robert G. Clinton)
Grace Brethren Church (110)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), Zip 16601 (Tel. 814-942-8861)
Mrs. Marian Edwards, 1410 Park Blvd., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

CONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)
Conemaugh Brethren Church (135)
Second and Oak Sts., Zip 15909 (Tel. 814-539-5333)
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Lane, Zip 15909

CONEMAUGH
Pike Brethren Church (230)
R.R. 1, Box 288, Zip 15909 (on old Rte. 22, 7 miles west of Ebensburg, at Mundy's Corner) (Tel. 814-746-6742)
Judy Kirpatrick, R.R. 1

CONEMAUGH (Robert D. Crees)
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (200)
R.R.1, Box 151, Zip 15909 (on Rte. 219, two miles south of Rte. 22 and Mundy's Corner) (Tel. 814-539-6333)
Mrs. Janet Johns, R.R. 1, Box 191 Zip 15909

DUNCANSVILLE (Victor S. Rogers)
Leamersville Grace Brethren Church (198)
R.R. 2 (4 miles south of Duncansville on Rte. 220), Zip 16635
Mrs. Donna Evans, R.R. 2, Zip 16635

ELIZABETHTOWN (Warren E. Tamkin)
Grace Brethren Church (28)
305 Anchor Rd. (Old Harrisburg Pike), Zip 17022 (Tel. 717-367-1459)
Stanley Mumma, 285 Anchor Rd.

EVERETT (Homer Lingenfelter)
Everett Grace Brethren Church (104)
14 W. Main, Zip 15537 (Tel. 814-652-2697)
Charles A. Wright, R.R. 1

HARRISBURG (Earle E. Peer)
Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church (148)
2205 Swatara St., Zip 17104 (Tel. 717-238-4186)
Clarence Swartz, 2727 Booser Ave.

HATBORO (William A. Steffler)
Suburban Brethren Church (106)
749 W. County Line Rd. (Tel. 215-OS5-5818)
Mrs. James Weimer, 645 W. County Line Rd.

HOLLIDAYSBURG (Dean I. Walter)
Vicksburg Brethren Church (140)
R.R. 1, Zip 16648 (4 miles south of Hollidaysburg, off Rte. 36 at Brooks Mill) (Tel. 814-695-4240)
Mrs. Viola Van Orman, R.R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.

HOPEWELL (Sheldon W. Snyder)
Grace Brethren Church (86)
R.R. 1, Zip 16650 (on Rte. 26, 9 miles north of Everett, Pa.) (Tel. 814-944-8385)
Herbert Christopher, R.R. 1

JEFFERSON CENTER (Robert V. Hooks)
Calvary Brethren Church (14)
R.R. 4, Butler, Pa. 16001 (5 miles south of Butler on Rte. 356, and 1 mile west)
Miss Kay Phillips, R.R. 1, Saxonburg, Pa.

JENNERS
Jenners Brethren Church (148)
(Rte. 601 just south of Rte. 30) (Tel. 814-629-5261)
Mrs. Delores Flanigan, Zip 15546

JOHNSTOWN (Alva Steffler)
First Brethren Church (378)
Napoleon and Dibert Sts., Zip 15905 (Tel. 814-539-7815)
Donald C. Rasbach, 726 Oak St., Zip 15902

JOHNSTOWN (Ralph S. Burns)
Geistown Grace Brethren Church (82)
730 Sunbury St., Zip 15904 (Geistown Borough of Johnstown a block off Rte. 756) (Tel. 814-266-4057)
Mrs. P. Ream, 804 Sunbury St.

JOHNSTOWN (H. Don Rough)
Riverside Brethren Church (102)
700 Liberty Ave., Zip 15905 (Tel. 814-292-5111)
Mrs. David Butler, 515 Michigan Ave.

KITTANNING
First Brethren Church (315)
215 Arthur St., Zip 16201 (Tel. 412-LI3-8731)
Miss Mary L. Yount, Box 247, Zip 16201

KITTANNING (Fred Wm. Walter)
North Buffalo Brethren Church (41)
R.R. 4 (junction of Center Hill, Cadogon and Pony Farm Rds.), Zip 16201
Mrs. Wanda Fletcher, R.R. 2, Worthington, Pa.

LANCASTER (William F. Tweeddale)
Grace Brethren Church (117)
911 Rohrerstown Rd., Zip 17601
(Western Lancaster joining Rohrerstown, Pa. Cloverleaf to Rohrerstown on Rte. 30 By-pass) (Tel. 717-397-9991)
Mrs. Helen Shonk, 2130 Marietta Ave., Rohrerstown, Pa. 17603

LISTIE (Max A. DeArmey)
Listie Brethren Church (252)
Box 65, Zip 15549 (4 miles north of Somerset on Rte. 53; 1 mile east off Rte. 53) (Tel. 814-445-5409)
Mrs. Ted Popernack, R.R. 1, Friedens, Pa.

MANHEIM (Ulysses L. Gingrich)
Manheim Grace Brethren Church (23)
S. Grant and Ferdinand Sts., Zip 17545
Barbara Swartz, 33 S. Pitt St.

MARTINSBURG (John R. Terrell)
First Brethren Church (304)
Mulberry and State Sts., Zip 16662 (Tel. 814-793-2513)
Mrs. Helen Beach, 216 S. Mulberry St.

MEYERSDALE (William H. Snell)
Meyersdale Brethren Church (202)
112 Beachley St. (on U.S. 219), Zip 15552 (Tel. 814-634-7381)
Mrs. William Firl, R.R. 2

MEYERSDALE (Roy E. Kreimes)
Summit Mills Brethren Church (73)
R.R. 1 (West of Meyersdale 3 miles on St. Paul Rd.), Zip 15552
Mrs. Elwood Firl, R.R. 3

NEW HOLLAND (Richard D. McCarthy)
Grace Brethren Church
Temporary meeting place: Liberty Fire Hall, New Holland, Pa. (Mailing address: pastor's address)

PALMYRA (Russell H. Weber)
Grace Brethren Church (82)
236 W. Main St., Zip 17078
John W. Ford, 115 N. Franklin St., Zip 17078

PHILADELPHIA (Robert Griffith)
First Brethren Church (149)
Oxford Ave. and Knorr St., Zip 19111 (Tel. 215-PI5-2799)
Mrs. Lois Harkness, 58 Dolton Rd., Feasterville, Pa. 19048

PHILADELPHIA (Robert D. Kern)
Third Brethren Church (161)
200 E. Tioga St., Zip 19134 (Tel. 215-GA3-8047)
Mrs. Joseph Tyson, 4719 N. Rosehill St., Zip 19120

STOYSTOWN (Leonard S. Bennett)
Reading Brethren Church (83)
R.R. 3, Zip 15563 (on State Rte. 53; 9 miles north of Somerset, and 7/10 miles south of Stoystown)
Mrs. James W. Kimmel, 1086 James St., Somerset, Pa.

TELFORD (Donald R. Goodhart)
Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church (67)
Third and Fourth Sts. (at Church Rd.) (Tel. 215-257-9627)
Mrs. Mary Burns, 250 Betcher Rd., Collegeville, Pa.

UNIONTOWN (True L. Hunt)
First Brethren Church (292)
148 Union St., Zip 15401 (corner Union and Bryan Sts.) (Tel. 412-437-3401)
Mrs. Gilbert Ferree, 713 Morgantown Rd., Zip 15401

WASHINGTON (Shimer E. Darr)
Grace Brethren Church (100)
4 Waynesburg Rd. (South of traffic light in Laboratory), Zip 15301 (Tel. 412-225-8121)
Mrs. Robert Riffle, R.R. 2

WAYNESBORO (Wendell E. Kent)
First Brethren Church (244)
Philadelphia and Fourth, Zip 17268 (Tel. 717-762-5826)
John Hyndman, 548 Maple St.

YORK (Kenneth E. Wilt)
Grace Brethren Church (147)
661 N. Newberry St., Zip 17404 (beside Kiwanis Lake, Farquhar Park) (Tel. 717-843-7284)
Mrs. John Adcock, 999 Loucks Place

PUERTO RICO

RIO PIEDRAS (James Dickson)
Iglesia Biblica de la Gracia (24)
G. T. 60, Calle 207, 3 RA. Ext. de Country Club, Zip 00924 (Tel. 809-769-3281)

SUMMIT HILLS (Maxwell Brenneman)
Grace Brethren Bible Church (19)
1721 Adams St., Zip 00922 (Tel. 809-782-4466)
Irma Perez de Morales, 1751 Alcala, College Park, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00921

TENNESSEE

JOHNSON CITY (K. E. Richardson)
Grace Brethren Church (73)
801 W. Watauga Ave., Zip 37601
Mrs. Betty Miller, 1001 Johnson Ave.

LIMESTONE (Quentin L. Matthes)
Vernon Brethren Church (133)
R.R. 1, Zip 37681 (2 miles north of Limestone on US 11E)
Miss Lelia Arnold, R.R. 4

VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA (Richard E. Grant)
Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church (190)
1301 Commonwealth Ave., Zip 22301 (Tel. 703-548-1808)
Mrs. Iva Jane Sisler, 7407 Northrup Rd., Zip 22306

BOONES MILL (J. Donald Abshire)
Grace Brethren Church (55)
R.R. 1, Zip 24065 (State Rte. 739 1¼ miles southwest of Boones Mill)
Mrs. James F. Webb, R.R. 1, Box 24

BUENA VISTA (Charles G. Thornton)
First Brethren Church (330)
100 E. 29th St., Zip 24416 (on U.S. Rte. 60) (Tel. 703-261-7882)
Mrs. George Smals, 128 W. 29th St., Zip 24416

COVINGTON (W. Carl Miller)
Grace Brethren Church (245)
2507 S. Carpenter Dr., Zip 24426 (Mailing address: 115 E. Phillip St.) (Tel. 703-962-9541)
Mrs. Thomas Craghead, Altamont, Covington, Va.

FREDERICKSBURG (Haven Hill)
Grace Brethren Church (28)
619 Caroline St.
Mrs. Russel McFadden, Lansdowne Rd.

HOLLINS (William A. Byers)
Patterson Memorial Brethren Church (215)
R.R. 1, Box 56, Zip 24019 (½ mile south of Hollins train station on State Rte. 115) (Tel. 366-EM2-0336)
Miss Evelyn Spradlin, 4602 Palmer Ave., N.E., Roanoke, Va.

RADFORD (Charles C. Hall)
Fairlawn Brethren Church (167)
Pepper and Lee Sts. (on State Rte. 114), Zip 24141 (Tel. 703-639-5139)
Mrs. Edgar Carroll, 16 Oxford Ave.

RICHMOND (William O. Gardner)
Grace Community Church
Bryce Lane at Clearfield, Zip 23224 (Manchester Community Center, Chesterfield Co.) (Tel. 703-232-6902)

RINER (Murl D. Updike)
Grace Brethren Church (37)
R.R. 1 (Rte. 8, 3 miles south of Riner), Zip 24149
Mrs. Harvey Cummings, R.R. 1, Zip 24149

ROANOKE (Raymond H. Kettell)
Clearbrook Brethren Church (165)
R.R. 8, Box 391-A (5 miles south of Roanoke on Rte. 220)
Mrs. Hazel Hofawger, R.R. 2, Boones Mill, Va.

ROANOKE (Henry L. Radford)
Garden City Grace Brethren Church (151)
3404 Bandy Rd., Zip 24014 (southeast of Roanoke)
Mrs. Bessie E. McGuire, R.R. 2, Boones Mill, Va.

ROANOKE (Kenneth L. Teague)
Ghent Brethren Church (278)
Wasena Ave. and Maiden Lane, S.W. (Tel. 344-1198)
Mrs. Doris Hylton, 2422 Montgomery Ave., S.W.

ROANOKE (James H. Wingfield)
Gospel Brethren Church (77)
R.R. 5, Box 515C, Zip 24014 (Rte 419 south of Roanoke)
Richard Beasley, R.R. 5, Box 412

ROANOKE (Dayton Cundiff)
Washington Heights Brethren Church (125)
3833 Michigan Ave., N.W., Zip 24017 (Michigan Ave. and Westside Blvd.) (Tel. 703-366-7040)
Mrs. Evelyn Bryant, 3761 Wilmont Ave., N.W.

SEVEN FOUNTAINS (Paul E. Dick)
Trinity Brethren Church (91)
Mrs. Isabelle Ritenour, Waterlick, Va.

VIRGINIA BEACH (A. Harold Arrington)
Grace Brethren Church (101)
805 First Colonial Rd., Zip 23451 (Tel. 703-428-4254)
Joyce Rogers, 736 Round Bay Rd., Norfolk, Va.

WILLIS (George W. Hall)
Grace Brethren Church (52)
R.R. 3, Zip 24380
Mrs. Mary M. Hall, R.R. 2, Box 276, Boones Mill, Va.

WINCHESTER (Paul E. Dick)
First Brethren Church (333)
645 Berryville Ave., Zip 22601 (Tel. 703-662-6360)
Miss Lula Marple, 329 Virginia Ave.

WASHINGTON

BOTHELL (Clarence O. Green)
Grace Brethren Bible Church (20)
19410 Filbert Rd.
Mrs. Aurel Gunter, 9517-4th, N.W., Seattle, Wash.

GRANDVIEW (George R. Christie)
First Brethren Church (129)
1111 W. Third St., Zip 98930 (Tel. 509-882-8815)
Mrs. Lyle Holmes, R.R. 1, Box 109J

HARRAH
Harrah Brethren Church (152)
P.O. Box 6, Zip 98933 (Tel. 509-848-2609)
Mrs. Jack Labbee, R.R. 1

KENT (Phillip J. Simmons)
Grace Brethren Church of Kent (65)
Meeting in East Hill Community Hall, 24025 104th, S.E. (Mailing address: pastor's address) (Tel. 206-852-5534)
Mrs. Don Bunch, 15240 S.E. 39th, Bellevue, Wash. 98004

RICHLAND (Nelson E. Hall)
Grace Brethren Church
YMCA Bldg., 1629 George Washington Way (one block north of Van Giesen), Zip 99352 (Tel. 509-945-6342)
Mrs. William Clark, 5889 Van Giesen, West Richland, Wash.

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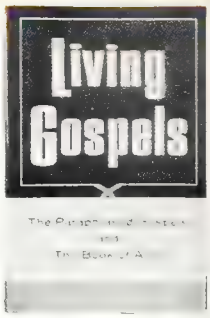
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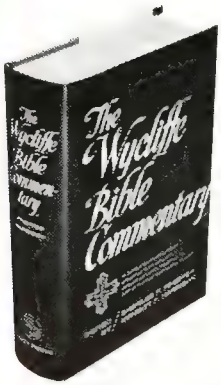
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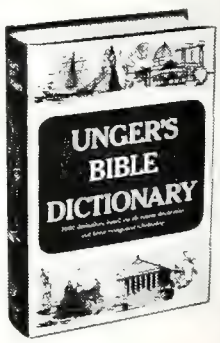
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Thanksgiving—"Lest We Forget"



By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Moses knew blessings—and he saw dangers. In Deuteronomy 6:10-11 he recounts wonderful temporal blessings in cities, houses, vineyards, and olive trees. He says that the people have eaten and are full. Then in the next verse comes the warning: "Beware lest thou forget the Lord." There are many things wrong in America; yet it can be truthfully said of us that we have eaten and are full. But few, it seems, have risen to give God thanks. Rather, some say God is dead, and many, many others live as if He were dead. Only a small part, even our Christian population, express their thanksgiving by giving God free use of their lives.

Looking back, we can be very thankful that God has kept the doors open for the preaching of the Gospel in Brethren foreign fields. In other parts of the world doors are closing; we should pray that these doors may open again to the Gospel. But it is the *open* doors that really challenge us. To the present the doors remain wide open in our seven mission fields. They are open—yes, but we are doing so little about it. Open doors will certainly become closed doors if we spurn the invitation to enter. And to enter effectively and sufficiently would require many times more missionaries than we have at present. Also, additional fields beckon to us.

The need is for more missionaries, and money to care for them.

We should be thankful that in the short time since the total support plan was offered, some 81 per cent of the amount needed for the total support of all missionaries and missionary children has been supplied. With respect to the new missionary families going to the fields, a month ago we reported some $23,000 yet needed. Now just recently God has showered His bounty, and the amount needed for the new missionaries stands at less than $9,000. There are good prospects that even this amount will be cared for by December 1, or before. There should be thanksgiving as well that there is good prospect for additional families to be available in 1967.

There are good prospects that our goal of $550,000 for gifts in 1966 will be met and that thousands more souls will be added to the church in foreign lands in the year ahead.

Let us be not like the nine who accepted the blessing from the Lord Jesus and went on their way. Rather, let us be like the one who returned to give thanks. For blessings past, as well as for blessings in prospect, we should thank Him. To do this is to put into practice our policy to walk "in faith believing." ▼

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COVER PHOTO

The 21 teen-agers from the Waimalu Grace Brethren congregation in Hawaii who attended a three-day YFC teen camp this past August. Purpose of camp: to prepare young people for a more effective Christian testimony on the school campus. "They're all fired up—wanting to serve the Lord with fervent hearts," Mrs. Leech wrote. (Photo by Rev. Edmund Leech)

Literature Report

Subject: Brazil

By Rev. Ralph Schwartz

A larger field for literature distribution is opening in Brazil, because today the young people are becoming better educated. In the past the major part of Brazil was illiterate.

The Bible says that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). In order for a person to be saved he either has to be taught by another person or else has to read the Scriptures. Our present missionary staff and national pastors comprise a force rather limited in size, and yet the responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all of us to reach the vast number of souls still in utter darkness. How can this be accomplished? Outside of personal evangelism, an effective method is by distributing tracts, Bibles, Bible portions and other Christian literature which the people can read and reread in the privacy of their own homes.

Since Brazil is chiefly a Catholic country, many people fear any literature which bears any resemblance to Protestantism. However, some are content to purchase a Catholic Bible, which of course bears the same message as the others. In fact, some of our missionaries sell and use Catholic Bibles to show that the Bible is God's Word and does not belong to any particular sect or church.

A means of distributing the books is to carry them wherever we go and sell them as the opportunity avails itself. Setting up small bookstands in market places, stores, believers' homes, or in certain preaching points, whereby the Brazilians sell the books, is another means. The bookstore in the larger city offers great opportunity.

Some of our missionaries have done a great deal of translation. This requires a mastery of the Portuguese language. It is a somewhat laborious and time-consuming work, but a very essential one.

One believer recently confessed, "I was doing well in my small business and living comfortably. I had no interest in the God of the *crentes* (believers), including some of my own family. But then I bought a Bible, perhaps out of curiosity, and through it came to know the error of my way."

In a very real sense the literature ministry is central to our Brethren mission here in Brazil. The fact is that we are outsiders from the U.S.A. entering into a country to do missionary work among people who almost one hundred per cent call themselves Catholics. Our aim is to show them that they are being short-changed by their church leaders because they do not preach and proclaim "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." The Word of God is not read in Catholic homes, nor is the reading of it encouraged by Catholic leaders. Even a very meager knowledge of the most elementary Bible truths is a rarity among these people. Oh, there are many superstitions about "saints" and "angels," but there are not many who even know that St. John the Baptist was not the author of the Fourth Gospel.



Rev. Ralph Schwartz

One of the most thrilling of recent evidences of the effectiveness of God's Word was that which was related by Brother Bill Burk, who is stationed in Quatipuru on the Atlantic seacoast. There in a quiet fishing and farming area, some six hours by road from the capital city of Belem, the Bible (mostly large-letter New Testaments) has gone forth by the hundreds. At first only the missionary sold them, but as the woman at the well drank of the Living Water and left her waterpot behind to go tell her friends of Him that told her "all that ever I did," so these humble people began taking the Word to relatives and friends in outlying areas. Now the missionary says that people arrive at his house and tell how they have been converted and wish to have Bible classes in their homes. By such methods the Word of God has been multiplied, as Paul said was true in Macedonia.

Brethren, pray that God will convict of sin and judgment to come through His Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who have enough interest to read the Word. ▼

Missionary Tom Julien reports on France's Brethren Camp



Bible study . . . to learn the answers to life's basic problems.

Cha teau!

No one has ever had any serious doubts, as far as I know, about God's leading in the choice of the Chateau of Saint Albain for the Brethren work in France. And scarcely a month goes by without something happening to confirm that conviction.

For instance, why else should Monsieur Pommel, one of France's leading horsemen, buy the old mill next to Saint Albain to organize a riding school? His patience in teaching the first principles of horsemanship made this year's camp a memorable experience for the twenty youth who were at the Chateau.

But it was not the horseback riding, or the nearby beach, or the nightly camp fires, or even the "Sound and Light" spectacle presenting the history of the Chateau, which made the deepest impression on the campers. It was the hours spent in discussing God's Word.

From the first day on, this camp was characterized by a deep desire on the part of the youth to learn the answers to life's basic problems. And simply having answers was not enough for most of them—they wanted reasons for believing these answers to be accurate.

The discussions, ranging from Bible studies to the practical problems faced by all young people, were not just theoretical. Their intensity revealed that at least some were willing not only to learn the truth but also to become personally involved.

The camp was the climax of a very encouraging season at Saint Albain. The monthly youth rallies—attended by both local contacts and the youth from the neighboring Alpine Mission —have been characterized by an excellent atmosphere. Attendance has been good, and there have been decisions in nearly every rally.

Between the rallies the Chateau is open for a retreat for the local youth. More recently these retreats have become an almost weekly event, and with the coming of summer months there have been some youth at the Chateau constantly. Some of the families of the young people are showing interest in the monthly family day.

The movement of God's Spirit, however, is not measured by the multiplicity of activities. God's work is done in the heart. Among the local contacts, not counting those who have come from farther away, seven new converts are walking faithfully with the Lord. Others have made decisions but have already fallen away; the pressures of an anti-Christian society are tremendous. None of these seven is without problems but in each case their willingness to share frankly their spiritual difficulties has enabled them to achieve a vital relationship with the living Lord.

It is risky to talk about new converts—who knows what tomorrow will bring? Yet, if you were to visit Saint Albain, these people would want to share their testimony with you, and they would want you to pray for them. Shall we meet three of the young people?

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Georges called himself a Protestant because his mother was one, but rare were the occasions when either mother or son would attend a worship service. When a boy of 17 has no spiritual guidance his path can only lead downward, and it was for this reason that an elderly lady, interested in a boy others had neglected, asked us to help him.

Immediately upon coming to the Chateau Georges was in his element. Here he found the "copins" (pals) he was seeking. But could it be that a boy so lighthearted and easily influenced could become a solid Christian?

The first evidence of any change



Volleyball for recreation.

in Georges' life came when he quit smoking. Then, as his confidence in us grew, he related how at a youth rally he had found real faith in Christ and had determined to live for Him.

The Christian life has not been easy for Georges; he is often aware of the pull of the old life and former friends. But those who have lived with him during the past month at the Chateau would echo the words of his mother: "I cannot believe that a boy could change so much."

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Few people reap what they sow in life as quickly as Jacqueline. Being a divorcee with two children at the age of twenty can make one bitter. As is true of most French Catholics, her faith in God and the way she lived had little in common.

Still, it was for such that Jesus lived and died. The stones other sinners cast may hurt more than death, but God's people are here to love the unlovely and to bring life through Christ Jesus.



An obstacle course for physical workout.

Conversion was not easy for Jacqueline. Enslaved by superstition, she dared not mention the name "God." Some of her numerous questions showed spiritual perception; others only indicated resentment.

But when the truth of justification by faith and not by works finally penetrated, a life was transformed. Each day is a new testing period for Jacqueline, at work and in the home, where an unsympathetic father refuses to let her forget what God has forgiven. But she says she will never forsake the love God has shown her. In her own words, 'I could no longer live without God. I speak to Him constantly, just as if He were beside me."

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Anne is the 18-year-old sister of the first convert of Saint Albain. Her deep emotional problems caused by a neurotic mother came to a head one day—and she disappeared from the school she was attending. Later she was found in Paris and sheltered by the Salvation Army, but when she again disappeared, the police told her mother that she had to go to a special home for girls. The mother persuaded them to allow her to come to Saint Albain.

An avid reader and keen thinker, Anne had formulated her own religion, and she called herself an atheist. But immediately she joined wholeheartedly in the life of the Chateau and amazed everyone with her ability almost to memorize whole chapters for the Bible quiz.

Long conversations ensued. Then one of the Christian youth at the Chateau found the key that unlocked her heart. Later, Anne asked her roommate to get up and pray with her. Anne prayed for an hour and a half, and in that prayer her life and the struggles of her heart poured out. The God she thought was nonexistent heard that prayer, and by early morning all the barriers had fallen. There was rejoicing in the presence of the angels. ▼

Hours spent in discussing God's Word.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

A report from Aunt Alys to all the Missionary Helpers about some of the exciting events at national conference in Winona Lake . . .

Dear Missionary Helpers,

All of you boys and girls didn't get to come to national conference and have all the fun we did. So we want to tell you all about the winners anyway.

There was the coloring contest, and were those entries ever great! These are the ones who won first, second, and third prizes in each age level.

5 years old—Dick Russell, Berne, Ind.; Douglas Koontz, Warsaw, Ind.; Deena Sizemore, Covington, Va.

6 years old—Stephen Griffith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Douglas Edmiston, San Ysidro, Calif.; Bobby Rife, Akron, Ohio.

7 years old—Jeffrey Secaur, Elkhart, Ind.; Sharon Kay Johnson, Shreve, Ohio; David Zook, Sacramento, Calif.

8 years old—Denise Swagerty, Long Beach, Calif.; Maicheal Bogue, Dayton, Ohio; Sally Clinger, Findlay, Ohio.

9 years old—Douglas Russell, Berne, Ind.; Melissa McCarthy, Fullerton, Pa.; Michael Boze, Berne, Ind.

10 years old—Carolyn Switzer; Kathy Griffith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Christine Supplee, Hershey, Pa.

11 years old—Shelly Rae Clinger, Findlay, Ohio; Diane Hitchman; Jody Sellers, Des Moines, Iowa.

12 years old—Janie Ellen Rockey, Fort Wayne, Ind.; John Haller, Middlebranch, Ohio; Ruth Elaine Sier, York, Pa.

Grand prize winner—Janie Ellen Rockey.

There was a popularity vote for King Harry Helper and Queen Mary Missionary to ride at the front of the parade, and here's who won:

Harry Helper—Doug Russell, Berne, Ind. *Mary Missionary*—Mary Male, Warsaw, Ind.

Runners-up for Harry Helper—Paul Foltz, South Bend, Ind.; Steve Clydesdale; Ray Hein, Kokomo, Ind.

Runners-up for Mary Missionary—Colleen Salazar, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Joyce Knepper, York, Pa.; Lois Tressler, Fremont, Ohio.

Everyone tried hard to see who could shake hands with the most missionaries at conference, and in *first place* was Becky Tucker, Fremont, Ohio; *second place,* Colleen Salazar.

In memory verse competition, first and second place went to:

First—Becky Russell, Berne, Ind. *Second*—Doug Russell, Berne, Ind.

You really missed it when you didn't see the parade and all the decorated bicycles. There was a contest to see who could do the neatest decorating, and here's how it came out:

First place—Cheryl Smith, Warsaw, Ind. *Second place*—Lois Tressler, Fremont, Ohio.

The quiz team trophy went to the Berne, Indiana, church this year, to quiz team members *Becky and Doug Russell.*

But I'll bet I know something that you don't know. The quiz team from Elkhart, Indiana, thought we were going to have the competition at the Saturday rally instead of at the evening meetings, and they came then and they were surely sharp. Watch out for next year, everybody, as those MH'ers will be there for evening meetings, too!

'Bye, now,
Aunt Alys



The Winners!

Winners of the vote for King Harry Helper and Queen Mary Missionary: Doug Russell and Mary Male.

The Big Rally



There was a parade.



Decorated bicycles ready for the parade.



Eager hands await autographed pictures from missionary Phil Guerena . . .



. . . and missionary Don Hocking.

TALKING IT OVER—with Mary Missionary and Harry Helper



Two More Missionary Teams Ready To Go

FMS editor's note: Two missionary outfit appeals have been presented in the *Missionary Herald* in recent months—that of the Tom McDairmant family in May and the George Wallace family in July. Now this month two more families are being presented, thus completing the presentation of the families under appointment.

Although it was hoped that the McDairmants would depart for the field in September, they were detained because outfit funds and personal support had not been completed. Continual progress is being made in these matters, however, and at the time this is being written, it seems that they should be able to leave in the not-far-distant future.

The Wallaces possibly will depart before the end of the year. In their case also, there will be delay until sufficient outfit and support funds are provided.

For both the Hodgdon and the Renick families there is a need for outfit funds. Materials for the Hodgdon appeal have already been mailed out to the churches, and the Renick materials will soon be received. As in previous outfit appeals, members of the Missionary Outfit Club, as well as many others in the congregations, will want to give the recommended $1.00 or more per candidate family. For the Hodgdons there is also a need for more personal support to be underwritten. In the case of the Renicks the Lord has already wonderfully cared for this matter.

Slide-tape sets for all candidate families are being made available. This is a fine way to become better acquainted with these people. Write the foreign mission office to schedule any or all of these sets in your church.

Pray and give that all these families may soon be serving on the fields to which God is directing them. They are relying on the loyal backing of Brethren congregations.

Jim and Joyce Renick.



The Hodgdons: Allen, Phillip, Dorothy, Freddy, Earle, Beverly.



A Family Looks to Brazil

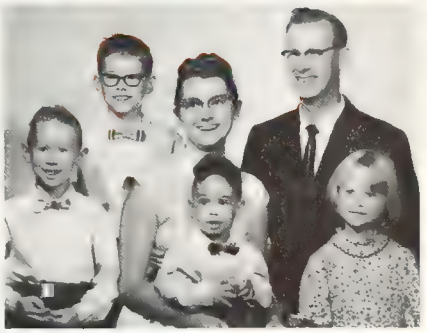
Eager eyes and hearts are being turned toward Brazil by Earle and Dorothy Hodgdon and their four children. As over a period of time they waited upon the Lord to direct them to a field of service in foreign missions, the field which opened to them was Brazil, and they received their appointment early this year.

Earle and Dorothy live near Wooster, Ohio, where they are active members of the First Brethren Church. They are natives of Ohio, but both also lived in several other states during the early years of their lives. Their meeting came about at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, when both were students there. After their marriage they lived for a while in Indiana and then moved back to their home state.

Actual mission field experience was gained by the Hodgdons when several years ago they served one summer in Puerto Rico.

A graduate of Akron Bible Institute with a pastor's diploma, Earle has been working as a mechanic while serving the Lord in various capacities as a layman. This fall he is actively participating in missionary conferences in the East with the team of missionaries.

It is anticipated that Mr. Hodgdon will be of real help to the Brethren mission in Brazil because of his mechanical abilities as well as the spiritual ministry he will perform.



The Hodgdon family has been blessed with three sons and a daughter: Phillip, ten; Allen, seven; Beverly, five; and Freddy, two.



A Couple for Two Countries

A unique situation confronts Jim and Joyce Renick in that while under appointment to one mission field, they will serve first in another. A crisis in personnel for the mission in France threatened to arise during the Tom Julien family's furlough, due to begin in the summer of 1967. With the Fred Fogles delayed in their return to France, no Brethren workers at all would have been left on the field.

Therefore, although the Renicks are under appointment to the Brethren field in the Central African Republic, they have consented to serve temporarily in France so that the gap may be filled. Mr. Renick already has an excellent knowledge of the French language. It is planned that they will depart for France early in 1967 in order to have a few months of orientation in the work before the Juliens' departure.

Jim and Joyce were born on opposite sides of the United States, Jim in Connecticut and Joyce in California. Eventually they met in Winona Lake, Indiana, while Jim was a student in Grace Seminary and Joyce in Grace College; both were active in the World Missions Fellowship.

Jim did a bit of moving around with his family in his younger years, as his father's work took them to different states. Following his graduation from high school in the state of New York, he attended Princeton University, where during his first year he met Dr. Donald Fullerton, who has been so effectively used of the Lord in that school. Through Dr. Fullerton's personal dealings with him, Jim came to a saving knowledge of the Lord. His three final years at college were greatly changed because of this, and following graduation he continued his education at Grace Seminary.

Joyce, a "P.K."—daughter of Brethren minister W. Wayne Baker and his wife—also lived in different states. She was saved when quite young. After graduation from a high school in Pennsylvania, she went to Grace College. Her college graduation and Jim's seminary graduation both took place in 1963, and one year later they were married. Jim had spent the year following his graduation back at Princeton with Dr. Fullerton in the work of the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship. He and Joyce spent their first summer together working in French-speaking Quebec City, Canada, and the following year were in Wheaton, Illinois, where Jim assisted Joe Coughlin, secretary of the Christian Service Brigade's Missions Department. The past year they both taught school in a small town near Wheaton, and now are participating full time in the missionary conferences with the team of missionaries in the East.

Meet Our 1966-67 WMC Birthday Missionaries



MRS. ROBERT COVER
ARGENTINA



MRS. MARTIN GARBER
AFRICA



MRS. DONALD MILLER
AFRICA



MISS BARBARA HULSE
BRAZIL



MISS MARIAN THURSTON
AFRICA

The Lord Blesses Again

The East District WMC fall rally, held at Leamersville, Pennsylvania, October 6, proved to be another time of happy Christian fellowship for 160 ladies.

For some of us the rally seemed to begin the night before because the missionary family invited as guest speakers came to our church for a Wednesday evening service. The ladies who went to the rally had a double opportunity of meeting the George Wallaces, missionaries under appointment to Brazil.

Everything seemed set to give us a wonderful day: fine weather, beautiful scenery along the way, and a lovely church building and facilities. Our theme, "So Send I You as Fishers of Men" was carried out in atmosphere. The welcoming committee gave us name tags with fish on them, and a fish net in front of the church was decorated with fish and sea shells.

Our current project is $600 for the building fund in Hawaii. We had reports from the SMM district patronesses and a fine report by Mrs. Crees on some of the WMC highlights at national conference.

The outstanding feature of the day was the Wallace family. Their baby, Kevin, was with grandparents, but they brought two-year-old Gregor with them. In the morning Mr. Wallace showed pictures of work in the city of Belem and of the island work of Brother Bill Burk. Mrs. Wallace gave her testimony in an interesting way. The Wallaces met as workers at a Word of Life camp. Then Mr. Wallace gave his testimony and a missionary challenge. He had attended various schools, but when he came to Grace Seminary he heard the Lord and His Word honored in the classroom for the first time. For the last two and one-half years he has been pastor of the North English, Iowa, Brethren church. He called upon us for dedicated lives to the Lord in our places of service.

At the close of the meeting there was a clothing shower for the family to help in their outfit. Many useful things were received.

Lyda Walter, secretary

TOP TEN COUNCILS IN PER CAPITA GIVING

1. Business Women's—Inglewood, California
2. Senior WMC—Altoona, Pennsylvania
3. Sunshine Group—North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio
4. Senior WMC—Everett, Pennsylvania
5. Senior WMC—Leamersville, Pennsylvania
6. Washington, Pennsylvania
7. Dorcas WMC—Bellflower, California
8. Senior WMC—Pike church, Mundy's Corner, Pennsylvania
9. Community Brethren, Long Beach, California
10. Faith WMC—Kittanning, Pennsylvania

—*Mrs. Robert Ashman,*
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Africa—

Mrs. Thomas McDairmant January 7
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler January 7
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Austin Robbins January 9
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Jean-Louis Steudler January 19
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Edwin D. Johnson January 20
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Martin M. Garber January 22
Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel George Kennedy January 30, 1963
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

James Andrew Marshall January 3, 1959
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.

David Michael Cover January 3, 1965
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Ivan Wayne Hoyt January 5, 1958
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Jonathan Edgar Fay January 28, 1966
Corrientes 2, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Arthur Allen Burk January 10, 1954
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Curtis Allen Schwartz January 11, 1963
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Puerto Rico—

John Steven Dickson January 1, 1955
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919

In the United States—

Mrs. Albert Balzer January 1
8415 Fenwick Street, Sunland, California 93067

Charles Loren Churchill January 7, 1951
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

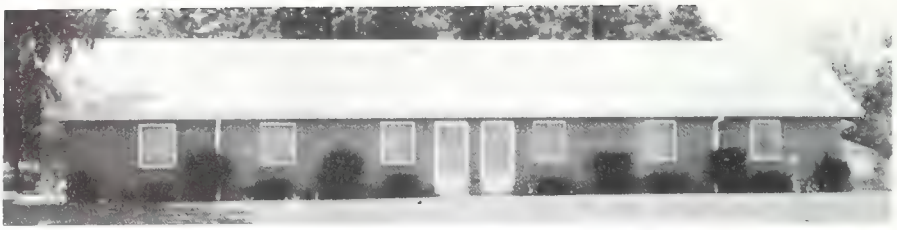
David Bruce Hocking January 15, 1957
1920 E. 5th Street, Long Beach, California 90812

Joyce Ann Mason January 16, 1960
724 Anderson Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Jeanette Elizabeth Miller January 22, 1951
c/o Mr. Ora Skiles, Jr., P. O. Box 3557, Modesto, California 95352

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy January 28
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Rev. George K. Wallace January 30
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590



At right: Philathea House for retired missionaries

"The Philathea House Is a Blessing"

(Third in a series of messages to WMC from our retired missionaries)



A JOYFUL WORKSHOP

By Miss Florence Bickel

"Philathea House" is a lovely name, and we who live here do love the truth of God's Word and promises; but to me its name is "Home," *my* home while I sojourn here.

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

God is preparing a home for us in heaven, but it seems that He just could not wait until it was our time to go there to give us a little taste of that joy. So through His faithful servants He has begun, right now, to load us with His benefits, (Ps. 68: 19) and makes us sing as did the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Our greatest joy is in our sanctuary, where we can have quiet worship and fellowship with our Lord. Then, too, we have a little bit of heaven in the joy of having a place in which to fellowship with one another and with our loved ones and friends, and to be able to share that which has been given to us.

We also have a little bit of Africa, where material things, as trinkets and souvenirs, are displayed; for even though we have been removed from Africa, some of Africa still remains in our hearts.

The privilege is also ours of turning our home into a sewing center, an office or study, a studio, or any kind of workshop. If you should step in during one of these workshops you might find things somewhat upset, but you are always welcome.

The necessary furnishings have been graciously provided for us. The building also is kept in repair. This past summer our apartments were redecorated, and new closet doors were added. You also have very kindly provided some of our sustenance.

Jesus our Saviour says in Matthew 11:29-30, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." His promises are yea and amen in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, receiving His many blessings here in the Philathea House, our hearts can sing:

"I'm so happy, and here's the reason why,
Jesus took my burdens all away.
Now I'm singing as the days go by,
Jesus took my burdens all away." ▼

RECOMMENDED READING FOR WMC, 1966-67

Carlson, Lois. *Monganga Paul.* Harper and Row, New York, New York, 1966. 197 pages, $4.95.

The Congo ministry and martyrdom of Dr. Paul Carlson, as told by his widow. This book should be of special interest to Brethren women because of the close ties between our mission and the Congo missionaries during those terrible weeks. Mrs. Carlson was staying with the Klievers at our Bangui mission station when her husband was killed.

Huisjen, Albert. *The Home Front of Jewish Missions.* Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1962. 222 pages, $3.95.

A well-written, informative book that would give all of us a better understanding of the Jewish people, the ministry of the church among them since the time of Christ, and present methods of approaching them with the gospel. This book has been recommended for our reading by Miss Isobel Fraser.

Lacy, Mary Lou. *Springboard to Discovery.* John Knox Press, Richmond, Virginia, 1965. 92 pages, $2.00.

A short, simply-written book by a lay woman with a challenge for spiritual living and Christian stewardship in every area of life.

These books may be purchased postage paid from
THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD CO.
Box 544 **Winona Lake, Indiana 46590**

Retiring National WMC Officers



Miss Elizabeth Tyson

Prayer Chairman

There are many precious promises in God's Word concerning our life of service for Christ. One that always has been a challenge to me is I Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God concerning you."

When at Estes Park for national conference in 1961 I was given the opportunity to serve as national WMC prayer chairman. I felt very inadequate for the office. But accepting it as the "will of God concerning me," I was happy to have

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Mrs. Ben Hamilton

Literature Secretary

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Ps. 107:21).

As I asked the Lord what I should say in this brief testimony, the above verse of Scripture came to me. I realized that during my years on the WMC national Executive Committee, first as editor and then for several years as literature secretary, we had seen the "wonderful works" of the Lord many times in behalf of WMC.. We've seen Him work

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Mrs. Douglas E. Bray

First Vice-president

The office of first vice-president in WMC certainly presents a tremendous challenge. There are many needs on our foreign mission fields that can be met in the projects taken on by our WMC ladies.

Two verses that have always meant a great deal to me are Philippians 4:6 and 7. The Lord has always supplied my every need through prayer. I know that through prayer, too, the Lord will continue to supply the needs of our WMC's as we seek to do his will both at home and abroad.

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Mrs. Richard Placeway

First Vice-president

A few days ago we were traveling on the Ohio Turnpike gazing at the breathtaking views of the painted woods and fields—all evidences of God's great handiwork. As we approach the winter season when all these beautiful things die, we know that when spring comes we can once again enjoy them, because we have a God who controls the universe. Not only does He control this great

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Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy

Prayer Chairman

For many years the WMC has meant much to me. I appreciated the ladies' prayer support while on the mission field. It was also a joy to see our WMC ladies in Argentina grow in the Lord. They, too, loved to participate in intercessory prayer. We experienced some blessed times together in praise for answers to prayer. When I returned to the U.S. four years ago, I needed medical at-

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Mrs. Elmer Tamkin

Literature Secretary

Some years ago I made a commitment to the Lord, seeking His direction in my life at all times. I am happy that He has led me in serving Him through the office of literature secretary of the national WMC.

Proverbs 3:5-6 has meant much to me. In undertaking any task for Him I always find Him ready and willing to help. In times like these it is wonderful to know that we can

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Blessings of a Home Missions Pastorate

By Mrs. George R. Christie

Pastor's Wife
First Brethren Church
Grandview, Washington

The Sunday evening in June, 1958, when my husband told me the Lord had called him for full-time service and he would like to go to Grace Seminary that fall, my first reaction was, "You are absolutely crazy!" The thought of more schooling didn't appeal to me at all.

George had been a sophomore in college when we were married. He obtained a B.A. degree in geography in 1954 and was immediately drafted for two years, 18 months of which was spent in Germany. After returning, he worked as a draftsman for six months and then returned to college for a B.S. degree in geology. In late 1956 we began attending the new home-mission Grace Brethren Church in Lansing, Michigan; and on Valentine's Day, 1958, George received the Lord as his Saviour and I rededicated my life. And now—four months later—he wanted to go back to school!

There were many obstacles to overcome—financial problems, being released from a housing lease, and so forth (each of which is a story in itself)—but early September found us loading our "worldly goods" on a U-haul trailer and moving to Winona Lake, Indiana.

The four years we spent there flew, and soon it was almost graduation time. Realizing I would soon be a pastor's wife (and I must admit the thought frightened me), I read several books on pastors' wives to learn what would be expected of me. Few of these were helpful to me, as they seemed to assume every pastor's wife would have an upstairs maid and a cook, *at least.*

Anyhow, June 15, 1962, we arrived in Grandview, Washington—our first pastorate, a beautiful home-mission church. To say that our congregation has been gracious, understanding, kind, and generous is putting it mildly. We have come to know and love each one dearly, and the love and fellowship of our church give us a slight inkling of what heaven will be like. Of course, we've had a few ups and downs, as every church has, but the Lord is faithful and these have soon been cared for.



Rev. and Mrs. George Christie

The Lord has given us a very active laymen's group, and this has brought untold blessings to our church. Our WMC ladies, too, accomplish much for Him.

The spiritual blessings have been many. As a result of an active visitation program a number of people, many of whom were men, made decisions for the Lord. This has brought complete families into our church. The Lord has given us approximately fifty new members since June, 1962, and how we do praise and thank Him for each one!

Financially, too, we have seen victories. Each year as our financial committee makes up a new budget and raises each goal "just a little," we wonder: "Will we be able to reach that high?" But each year we have met our goals—and even surpassed some. Our going self-supporting a year early is still another sign of the Lord's goodness.

All of these blessings—a wonderful congregation, spiritual progress, numerical growth, and financial victories—cause my heart to overflow as I say, "Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of serving you as a home-mission pastor's wife in Grandview, Washington." ▼

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Miss Tyson . . .

the privilege to serve my Lord in this new field of service.

We as "Women Manifesting Christ" have prayed together and have seen God work miracles in answer to our prayers, and all the glory and praise belongs to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The prayer fellowship at our national board meeting, at our WMC conference sessions, and in our groups of prayer warriors will always be happy memories.

"There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Tho' sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy seat."

May each one of us who believe in prayer pray and support those who are our leaders through the greatest of all ministries, the ministry of intercession. ▼

Mrs. Hamilton . . .

through prayer in many vital decisions in our WMC. He has given us a simple, workable constitution, the Pen Pointers, and our devotional program packets. His working has been most evident probably in the decisions concerning our programs from year to year as we've seen Him work in your hearts. He has always had someone willing to serve on the devotional committees, as program writers or as program chairmen. We have thrilled as we've watched Him lead in the choosing of the themes from year to year.

Truly His "wonderful works" have been evident, and I do praise Him for granting me an opportunity to see Him work in behalf of WMC. ▼

WMC Home Missions Offering--September, October, November

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Mrs. Placeway . . .

universe, but He also rules and reigns supreme in the lives of those who love and serve Him. In Proverbs 3:5-6 He promises to direct our paths. I can bear witness of this fact in my own life. Many times the path has been rough and unsteady, but the Lord has promised to go before us and prepare the way.

I am grateful for the confidence that you WMC ladies have placed in me this year as your first vice-president. The Lord has already gone before and prepared this path, I'm sure. This is my first experience as a national officer. Do pray for us, that God will direct our path in the decisions and duties we face each day. ▼

Mrs. Dowdy . . .

tention. Many prayed, and the Lord has been gracious in answering prayer on my behalf.

The Bible institute and camp programs came into existence and prospered because many prayed. Many can testify that they came to know Christ because someone prayed for them. New works were opened and churches were built because others cared enough to pray.

Paul's advice to the Ephesians, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18), has been very helpful to me. ▼

Mrs. Tamkin . . .

put our trust in Him and not be compelled to lean upon our own understanding. He has asked us to commit our ways unto Him. He is one who never fails. His ways are the ways of righteousness. To know such a wonderful Lord and Saviour makes me want to have a part in helping to reach others with the gospel message. ▼



SMM NEWS

GARDENA, CALIFORNIA. The SMM girls of the Grace Brethren Church are to be in charge of the Sunday evening service on November 13.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. The four SMM groups of the Washington Heights Brethren Church met together on October 13. A total of 39 were present, including the patronesses.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District SMM workshop was held on Monday, September 12, 1966, at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. The district project for 1966-1967 is to help the Fremont Chapel, which is the home-mission church for colored people in northern Ohio.

ASHLAND, OHIO. For their project the SMM girls from the Southview Grace Brethren Church sent eight felt wordless books to Argentina, South America, and also bought supplies each month for the nursery. Entertainment for their group included a slumber party and a swimming party.

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Reminder . . .

THE SMM HOME INTEREST OFFERING IS DUE DECEMBER 10.



OUR GOAL IS $1,000

This offering is to help support Grace Trujillo, who does the laundry and cooking for the Navajoland school children. At left, she is baking bread in the school oven.



The Harvest Fields Beckon . . .
The Great Commission Commands . . .

ARE WE WINNING OR LOSING?

NEITHER, WE ARE FORFEITING!

BY REV. DON E. WHITE

Founder and Director of Christian Missions Recruiting Service

Every pastor witnesses with increasing alarm the continuing decline of workers for the harvest fields. The church has almost gotten used to the idea that nothing much can be done about the shortage of workers on the foreign field. But in recent years the manpower crisis is being felt in the United States and Canada, where 80 per cent of the world's Christians live. Pulpits are unfilled; Bible school and seminary enrollments are down; talented Christians bypass the ministry and enter productive, well-paying secular pursuits. The church is not successfully perpetuating leadership!

We are not winning this battle. Nor are we losing it—we are simply forfeiting it. We discuss the Great Commission; we dramatize it at our once-a-year missionary conventions; we preach the Great Commission. What we need to do is to appropriate the Great Commission in our pulpit ministry and in our personal ministry.

How are we forfeiting the battle? Principally in two areas: (1) that of the challenge and invitation for commitment for full-time Christian service, and (2) that of necessary follow-up to conserve such commitments.

The Invitation

Somehow we have slipped into an apologetic attitude about asking Christians to enter the ministry. It is much easier to emphasize that "every Christian is a missionary." We know that Jesus "ordained twelve, that they should be with him" . . . and, in consequence, "sent them forth to preach" (Mark 3:14). It is not a matter of lacking scriptural authority; we know the illustrations, dramatizations, persuasions, and commands of the Book. Why then do we apologize, negate, and understate the invitation?

Most churches, through pulpit ministry, give a real invitation only once a year. This is not enough—not nearly enough! Such an invitation normally, when presented at the annual missionary conference, implies that the invitation is only for "foreign mission" commitments. Many who are reluctant to accept such a commitment don't respond. They go through their church life without hearing an invitation for

"full-time Christian service." This is clear evidence that this once-a-year invitation is inadequate. Christians need to be invited to respond apart from geographical considerations.

Most invitations are either too weak or too strong. Often they are too weak, in that we fail to define our terms. We may ask in a nebulous way for "a dedication," for those "willing to be willing", for those who "want to serve Christ." What is needed is a clear-cut explanation of what we need and what we are asking for. There is a vast difference between a commitment to be a "full-time Christian" and a commitment for "full-time Christian service." God wants workers for the ministry—for the full-time ministry of the pulpit, the mission field, and so forth. We must define our terms!

The invitation that seems to be the most challenging and fruitful is often too strong. It is the one in which half of the church comes forward and we sigh, "Ohhh, how God moved!" Of course, not many know *why* they came forward. This sort of invitation fails to identify and recruit those few who are prepared to make a commitment for full-time Christian service. Too much persuasion, too much appeal to the emotions, too many stanzas of the closing hymn, too little clear defining of terms—these are the little things that rob the invitation. The "too strong" invitation is a source of confusion and disillusionment. It looks good, but only in the beginning.

The Follow-up

Follow-up work is the real missing ingredient. Beyond a smile, a handshake, a little word of prayer, just what is the church doing to follow up commitments? Usually nothing. The conventional teaching ministry of the church should be an effective source of follow-up. But evidence indicates we need something far more relevant. Back To The Bible Broadcasters point out that "more than 90 per cent of such commitments never reach the field." It is obvious that we are not getting the workers. We are forfeiting the battle due to lack of follow-up!

The answer is in the local church. It is here that the commitments are made. The local church, however, needs help. That's why churches of 13 different denominations around the country are using the services of the Christian Missions Recruiting Service. This ministry, recommended by the Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, exists to help conserve commitments for full-time Christian service on a church-integrated basis. CMRS believes there are three major areas of conservation: (1) individual study and application, (2) systematic pastoral counsel, and (3) practical group outreach. These important areas, along with information as to how a church can use the CMRS follow-up, will be explained in the next issue. ▼

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FROM MOUNTAINTOP TO MOUNTAINTOP

From Waynesboro to Singer Hill

By Rev. Robert D. Crees

How we thank God for His loving care and blessings in various pastorates! I was pastor at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, for seven years, served other churches for 15 years, then was back for a second pastorate at Waynesboro for six years. That last term God blessed in a real revival, the debt on the new Sunday-school building was reduced from $70,000 to $35,560, we sent Clark and Eunice Miller as our missionaries to Argentina, underwriting their annual expense of $6,000, and 120 new members were added to the church! We shall never forget the loyalty of this congregation and deeply appreciate their generous farewell gift.

In July we moved to assume the pastorate of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, located about eight miles north of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. This congregation received us kindly, and we preached the Word and prayed for revival. A reception was held for the new pastor and family on September 30, with a large cash gift and other tokens of love. Then on October 8 our four daughters, together with the congregation, held a surprise party for our 35th wedding anniversary, with more cash gifts and presents!

October 2-9 Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held an evangelistic meeting and stewardship conference, and the Lord gave us seven confessions of Christ and 16 reconsecrations, with many pledging to tithe. The next week we had a five-day missionary conference, with nine on the visiting team. There were 14 who dedicated their lives to witness through personal evangelism, four who came in reconsecration, and three young people who dedicated their lives to missionary service! We are thrilled with what God has done. Brethren, pray that we may stay on the spiritual mountaintop.

Little Things

By Ulysses L. Gingrich

from *Poems Out of the Book*

Why should the little, petty things
Distracting be,
When things so great wait all around
To challenge me?

Why should the little, trivial things
Disheart'ning be,
When mercies great so sweetly call,
"Live joyfully"?

Why should the little, vexing things
Defeating be,
When power so great is mine to live
Victoriously?



A Fresh Work of God

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

"Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

"Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Ps. 51:7-12).

Revival is a fresh work of God among His people whereby they get right with one another and with the Lord. There seems to be very little revival today and yet great desire for it. It seems as though almost every place I go, pastors, congregations, conferences, youth organizations are praying and crying out to God for revival—a fresh work of God among them.

The cry of Psalm 85, verse 6, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" seems to be the heart cry of today.

A vital part of my ministry has always been that of revival: revival of the youth, revival of the church leadership, yes, even revival among pastors.

Now there are obstacles to revival, of course. There are all types of hindrances to revival. We know that Satan himself opposes revival in the hearts of God's people. We know that the flesh itself also opposes the work of revival. There are two personal obstacles to revival that I would like you to consider.

First of all, there is personal holiness. What about your personal life, your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? What do you think of Christ? If Jesus Christ to you is the Son of God, your Saviour, and your Lord, then you are going to love His Word; you are going to worship Him; you are going to be a soul winner; you are going to tithe; you are going to be consistent; you are going to be faithful. You see, there must be personal holiness before we can hope to attract other people to ourselves and to Jesus Christ.

Second, there is the obstacle of family relationship. How is your home life these days? How are you getting along at home with the members of your family? How are you getting along with your husband? How are you getting along with your wife? How are you getting along with your children? How are the children getting along with the parents? We cannot separate family relationship and our relationship with Christ. If things in our home are not as they ought to be, it's going to affect our outreach and our communication of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Does the sweet, fragrant aroma of Christ permeate your home and your family relationship? It may well be that your home life has become a great obstacle to revival both among your family and in your church.

As we pray for revival, and as we long for it, what kind of revival do we need? What kind of revival should we pray for and trust God for?

Revival of Believing

Let's pray for a revival of believing. Hebrews 11, verse 6, declares that without faith it is impossible to please God. There must be believing: believing in the awfulness of sin. God has not changed His attitude toward sin. God still hates sin. It is still filthy and loathsome and ugly to Him. And God hates the sin that creeps into the life of the Christian. God hates the sin that will wreck and ruin a church or a community. We must realize how awful, how terrible sin is. And we must realize that somehow sin must be dealt with.

We must also believe in the penalty of sin. We must realize afresh the reality of hell, the terribleness of a life lived without Jesus Christ and without cleansing and forgiveness of sin. Do you honestly believe in a hell? Do you really believe that the soul that sins will die? Do you truly believe that in hell there is torment, and punishment, and anguish? And do you really believe that people whom you know, as fine and as gracious and as kind as they may be, if they do not come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, someday are going to pay the price for their own sin in hell? We must believe in the efficiency of the blood of Christ. Jesus is able to forgive, to cleanse. The Bible says He has redeemed us. He has bought us back into fellowship with God by His own precious blood. The blood of Christ is able to cleanse us from all sin. I feel that once again we must believe these things and take a stand of faith that these things are so, these things are true. And in believing, we then react.

Revival of Receiving

Let us pray for a revival of receiving. Acts chapter 1, verse 8, declares, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." We must receive the power of the Holy Spirit. God says, "Be ye filled with the Holy Spirit." Perhaps a better word for "filled" is the word "controlled." Be ye controlled by the Holy Spirit. Is the Spirit of God in control of your decisions, and your life, and your future plans? There is a great source of power available to every child of God. It is the power of the Holy Spirit.

I heard some time ago about a very poor farmer in Texas who had a great pool of oil discovered on his farm, and overnight he became a millionaire. Now he had the land all the time, and the oil was there all the time, but he had been very poor. The difference was that the source of the power was tapped.

The great source of power of the Holy Spirit in our lives must be tapped. He must be in control and lead us and empower us if we are going to have revival in our personal lives, and share our faith and communicate with people who so desperately need Christ as their Saviour also.

Then there is the matter of receiving the call of the Great Commission. These marching orders have been given, and they stand as strong as the day they were said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Here is our global "go." We do not need to wait for new orders or a new message. We have received the message of the Great Commission. And as our hearts are revived, as we pray for revival, let us pray that the Great Commission will become personal, and that we shall go and preach, and teach, and baptize.

By
Rev. Bill Smith

Director of Evangelism,
National Fellowship
of Brethren Churches

Revival of Reaping

We need a revival of reaping. When I see the results of my witnessing, and my preaching, and my communicating my faith, I become so much encouraged that I continue to go out and preach, and witness, and communicate my faith. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). A rule of God is that if we will give out the Word of God, sometime, somehow, someone will respond. We must go to the people. We must talk about Jesus; we must be excited about Christ as we share our faith. We do so with a desire that results may be reaped. And let us pray for a revival of reaping.

A theater manager and a pastor in New York City were talking together on one occasion, and the pastor remarked to the theater manager, "Isn't it strange that week after week I see a line of people waiting to get into your theater, and in the church we have such a difficult time getting people to attend? I wonder why that is."

The theater manager said, "I know why. It's because we in the theater take fiction and we treat it as though it were truth. And you folks in the church take truth and treat it as though it were fiction."

Revival of Rejoicing

Let's pray for a revival of rejoicing. There is much gloom, discouragement, and heartache in the world today. Will Rogers once said, "If all that I know is what I read in the newspaper, things are pretty bad." Did you know that a Christian ought to be the most happy person in the world? A Christian should do things without murmuring and complaining and griping. But how different is the picture as I see it! All around I hear murmuring, and grumbling, and complaining.

We who are in Christ are able to face the problems of this world with our shoulders back, a smile on our face, and a song in our heart because Jesus Christ is our Saviour and God is sovereign. And He is able to order the events of the future and make all provisions for those who are His. Let us therefore rejoice and be happy in Christ. Let us show to the world our enthusiasm and our excitement over the Christian life and all that it involves. Join with me in prayer that we might see revival during the time of our lives. ▼

CHURCH NEWS

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum has been named to succeed Rev. Richard E. Grant as editor and general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Rev. Landrum has been assistant general secretary of Brethren Foreign Missions for a number of years. He will assume his new duties on January 1, 1967. Additional information will be reported in the next issue of this magazine.

VIET NAM. Two Brethren chaplains have been assigned to the same Saigon billet. The men are Chaplain (Major) Burton Hatch, whose last assignment was at the Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, N.Y., and Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Lindberg, who had been stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Their address is: Office of the Chaplain, Hq. U.S. Army Support Command, Saigon, APO San Francisco 96307. Burton Hatch was able to see and have fellowship with another of our Brethren chaplains, Captain John Schumacher, in Viet Nam. Chaplain Schumacher's address is: Hq. 3rd Sq., 11th ACR, APO San Francisco 96257.

ALTO, MICH. On Sept. 18 Rev. Charles Flowers, pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, joined Rev. Mason Cooper and Mr. Richard Markle, both from Ashland, Ohio, for a jet trip to the Virgin Islands. After holding services in Puerto Rico with the Maxwell Brennemans and the James Dicksons, they went on to St. Thomas and Tortola Islands, where they held revival meetings at the mission where Miss Evelyn Fuqua is working. They returned home Sept. 29.

A new red carpet has been installed in the vestibule and sanctuary of the Calvary Brethren Church; other improvements are a new roof for part of the building and new paint and drapes in the basement.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. M. L. Myers has resigned as pastor of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, here. He will assume his new duties as pastor of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., before the end of the year.

CHANGE. The telephone number of Rev. and Mrs. Wendell England, Camden, Ohio is 452-1639, office 452-1290. Please change *Annual*.

TELFORD, PA. On Sept. 25 the Grace Brethren Church celebrated its first anniversary. Attendance records were broken the previous Sunday with 106 in Sunday school and 119 in church. Pastor Donald Goodhart and a committee have set up a visitation program, and the new church building is progressing well. Rev. Goodhart has been holding Sunday evening classes at 6:30 on Brethren beliefs and practices, with approximately 11 in attendance. On Sept. 20 the ladies of the church helped their pastor's wife celebrate her birthday by giving her a surprise party.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Ruth Elizabeth has joined the family of Pastor and Mrs. Robert Firl, of the Temple City Brethren Church. Weighing nine pounds, she arrived Oct. 13.

CAMDEN, OHIO. The film "Dateline: Argentina" was viewed by nearly 70 people at the First Brethren Church during the evening service Sept. 25. The Sunday school has promised $150 toward the purchase of a new typewriter for the church if the people match this amount in freewill gifts. Sunday-school attendance during September averaged about 100, and an extensive enlargement campaign is being planned. Wendell England, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Don Rager, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, escaped serious injury in a two-car collision Oct. 17. Both cars were estimated to be a total loss. The driver of the other car, whose brakes had failed at an intersection, was admitted to the hospital. Rev. Rager was given dispensary treatment and released.

CHICAGO, ILL. The Nov. 27th Pacific Garden Mission program of "Unshackled" will feature the life of R. I. Humberd, well-known Brethren speaker and writer.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Two Sunday-school records were set at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 9—an attendance of 175 and an offering of $95.62. In church that day the general fund offering amounted to more than $450. Lyle Marvin, pastor.

CHAPLAIN OPENINGS. There are two openings for properly qualified Brethren men in the quota of the National Fellowship of Brethren Church in the U.S. Army chaplaincy. Interested persons are asked to write to: Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 30315.

DEFIANCE, OHIO. During September the Grace Church of Defiance had five baptisms and more than 20 decisions of rededication. Pastor Allen Herr opened a revival campaign in Jonesboro, Tenn., on Sept. 27; the following month special revival services were held at Grace Church, with Rev. Fred Taylor as speaker.

CUBA, N. MEX. There is a new papoose at the Brethren Navajo Mission—red-headed Elizabeth Ann, born Oct. 14, weighing seven pounds four ounces. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lathrop, are staff members at the mission.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman shouldered a double responsibility for ten days in October when they agreed to care for

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
New Troy, Mich.	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	Gerald Kelley	Mason Cooper
South Bend, Ind.	Dec. 4-11	Sherwood Durkee	Nathan Meyer

the First Brethren Church and the pastor's family. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Griffith, were on a trip to Puerto Rico.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A two-day conference on evangelism was held at Grace Seminary and College Oct. 5-6 by Bill Smith, director of evangelism, along with Ron Thompson, staff evangelist for the Board of Evangelism.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button, of the Brethren Messianic Testimony, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Walter Paige Ballard II, of Los Angeles. No date has been set for the wedding. Diane has traveled extensively with her parents throughout our Brethren churches and has written a number of articles for the "Israel Calls" page of the *Missionary Herald*.

DAYTON, OHIO. Evangelist Bill Smith conducted a three-day soul-winning conference at the First Brethren Church Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. During the three days Mr. Smith spoke eight times, emphasizing the ministry of revival and soul-winning through the church. Oct. 2 was Rally Day at First Brethren, and there were 370 present for Sunday school that day. Dr. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, held a prophetic Bible conference at the church Oct. 3 and Nov. 2-6. G. Forrest Jackson is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA. The Grace Brethren Church of Juniata prepared for its October missionary conference and evangelistic meetings by holding cottage prayer meetings (ten per week, with an average attendance of over seven). Speaker for the evangelistic meetings was Rev. Leonard Eilers. On Sunday evening, Sept. 18, 11 people followed the Lord in baptism by trine immersion. The following Sunday morning 21 people were received into the membership of the church. Robert G. Clinton, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Rev. Robert Collitt, pastor from Hagerstown, Md., is the speaker for revival and evangelistic meetings now being held at the Grace Brethren Church. The meetings are to end Nov. 16. John M. Aeby, pastor.

ROCHESTER, IND. Bill Smith, director of evangelism, conducted an evangelistic crusade at the Whippoorwill Community Church, of which Dr. Herbert Bess is pastor, Sept. 18-25. There were 16 first-time decisions for Jesus Christ during the week and several rededications of life. Dr. Bess is serving as pastor of this growing church along with his ministry as professor at Grace Theological Seminary.

CONEMAUGH, PA. On Oct. 1 the people of the Pike Brethren Church held a farewell party for Rev. Clair Gartland and his family; it was attended by 105 members and friends of the church. The family was presented with personal gifts and a cash gift of $605. The parsonage is being remodeled, and brick casing is being added.



AFRICA. The Scott Weaver evangelistic team has concluded its meetings in the Central African Republic. The first meeting, held at Nana Bakassa Sept. 20-25, resulted in 294 public decisions for Christ. The Sunday-school attendance, generally about 200, rose to 500 on the Sunday of the crusade.

Pictured above are, left to right: Ed Lewis, team musician; Dr. Austin Robbins, missionary dentist who interpreted for the meetings at Nana Bakassa; Rev. Weaver, evangelist; and Dale McDaniels, team musician.

GOSHEN, IND. Attendance at the Grace Brethren Church has been running consistently over 130 in the morning worship service, and one Sunday in October a record was set for a regular evening service with 112 present. On Oct. 10 a regular offering of $610.77 set another record. Permanent partitions have been constructed in the educational unit, and at last report bids were being taken for insulating the sanctuary. The pastor, Paul Morris, writes that spiritually the church is progressing well.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Rev. Charles E. Gray held evangelistic meetings in the First Brethren Church Sept. 13-25. He was assisted by his wife, who played the vibraharp, cowbells, and piano. There were many decisions, and at least ten have followed the Lord in Christian baptism and become members of the church. Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, conducted a three-day prophetic Bible conference here Oct. 14-16, ending on the church's Homecoming Day. Following a dinner at the church, Dr. Hoyt presented the Homecoming message. On Oct. 9 Rev. Emory Shahan, a member of the church and our oldest living Brethren minister, celebrated his 102nd birthday.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church voted recently to build a new parsonage and to install air conditioning in the church. The new parsonage will be built on the church property, next to the present parsonage structure, which will be torn down. Robert B. Collitt is pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. During a September house painting party the parsonage of the Grace Brethren Church was given a new coat of white paint by a number of men from the church. It has also been newly redecorated inside in Early American style, and plants, flowers, and shrubs have been added outside. Men of the church enjoyed a father and son banquet this summer, with about fifty in attendance. Guests of the Canton church were the Minerva, Ohio, Brethren, with their pastor, Rev. Roy Glass, as speaker. The ladies of the church prepared and served the steak dinner. An attendance record was set on Sunday, Oct. 16, when there were 199 present. James Kennedy, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Rev. Shimer Darr, Brethren pastor from Washington, Pa., was speaker for a series of meetings at the Summit Mills Brethren Church Sept. 28 to Oct. 9. Roy E. Kreimes is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Rev. Ralph Colburn was at the Ghent Brethren Church for a series of meetings in September, speaking 12 times in the

eight days. Kenneth Teague is pastor.

NOTICE: On January 1, 1967 the price of the *Inspiring Hymns* hymnal will be increased to $2.00 each. Churches considering purchasing this hymnal may wish to place their order prior to this time in order to take advantage of the present lower price of $1.85. Write to Charles Koontz at the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

PORTIS, KANS. The First Brethren Church has voted to install air-conditioning in the church and carpet the auditorium. An eight-day revival meeting was held during Oct. 23-30 with Rev. Richard E. Grant as speaker. The average attendance was 100 with 136 people in attendance on the closing Sunday evening service. Clarence Lackey, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. A new Sunday school attendance record was set on Oct. 9 when 212 were present. The new Sunday school annex will be finished and occupied by Thanksgiving. Herman Hein, Jr., pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN. On Sept. 11 the Vernon Brethren Church broke ground for their new parson age. Rev. K. E. Richardson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Johnson City, Tenn., was the special speaker. A special missionary conference was held Sept. 16-18 with Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Rev. and Mrs. James Renick as speakers. An eight-day revival meeting was held Oct. 9-16 with Rev. Charles Thornton, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. as the evangelist. Attendance averaged 123. Quentin Matthes, pastor.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Pastor Marion Thomas reports that new attendance records were set at the Good News Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 23 when there were 118 in Sunday School and 130 in the morning worship service. Rev. Ralph Hall will be the speaker for the Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23, and will remain for a few days to draw plans for a remodeling program. On Dec. 11, Rev. and Mrs. George Wallace, missionaries under appointment to Brazil, will be guest speakers.

LAFAYETE, IND. Two Indiana District pastors are cooperating in starting a new Bible class here. Rev. Lee Dice and Rev. Jerry Young began the class on Nov. 1 in the Christian School, 525 N. 26th St. Anyone knowing of interested Brethren in the Lafayette area is urged to write Rev. Dice or Rev. Young.

CHICAGO, ILL. The American Association for Jewish Evangelism is sponsoring a 34-day all-expense Bible Land Pilgrimage in April and May of 1967. Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, will be one of the speakers and leaders on the trip. Countries to be visited include Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, and England. Full details may be obtained from American Association for Jewish Evangelism, 320 W. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill. 60610.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

HECKMAN, Mrs. Merl, 81, a member of the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind., went to be with the Lord on July 1.
A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

CETONE, Mrs. Lillian, 82, a member of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, since 1949, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 6. Richard Burch, pastor.

KINDALL, Frank, of the Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died Sept. 13; he will be greatly missed in the work of the church.
Galen M. Lingenfelter, pastor.

McKEE, Lora A., 92, a member of the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind., for many years, died Sept. 14. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Rollin Sandy.

MITCHELL, Paul W., 74, passed away Sept. 27. He was a faithful member and former trustee of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind. Robert Clouse, pastor.

REPLOGLE, Lawrence K., a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., passed away on Oct. 2. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor John R. Terrell.

BURNS, John H., father of Rev. Ralph Burns and Rev. John Burns, went to be with the Lord on October 12. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren for many years.

VIRTS, Earl, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., went to be with the Lord on Oct. 22. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Mark Malles.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Judy Dunn and Wayne Westerfield, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

Ruth Kearney and Gary Nieding, April 2, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

Marlene Gibson and Dewayne Walker, Aug. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

Carolyn Moore and Ray Herbster, Aug. 20, Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.

Dorothy Westerfield and Glenn Hershey, Aug. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

Linda Kershaw and Steve Cziraki, Jr., Sept. 10, Compton, Calif.

Linda Manasco and Richard Alvarez, Sept. 10, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Carol Brunton and Don Hoffman, Sept. 24, Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

Joyce Rippeon and Larry Flowers, Sept. 24, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Oreen Stillwell and Clarence Scott, Oct. 1, First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Marcia L. Peterson and Allen L. Pace, Oct. 7, Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg.

Sandra S. Harper and Richard W. Thorin, Oct. 8, First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN • • • COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN



Rev. Bill Smith in front of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, where he completed a crusade on October 2.

Board of Evangelism News Gleanings

CANTON, OHIO. On September 12 Bill Smith, the director of evangelism, spoke to the Northern Ohio District Laymen's fellowship rally, the Eastern Division, and cited the close relationship between Brethren laymen and the ministry of the Board of Evangelism. Mr. Smith also gave a challenging message concerning personal soul-winning and the response of men to the message of Jesus Christ.

The meeting was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, and Mr. Williard Smith of Minerva, Ohio, was the chairman of the evening. A number of men had a part in the program, and several shared recent blessing that had come to them as a result of a spiritual conference held for Christian men.

Plans were made by the men for a visitation invasion of the town of Minerva, Ohio, to assist in the advertising and the reaching of families for the new Grace Brethren Church of the city.

DAYTON, OHIO. Bill Smith, the director of evangelism, met on September 27 with the Southern Ohio Fellowship of Brethren Men in an executive meeting to discuss and plan for a crusade meeting to be held in the Greater Dayton area June 4-11, 1967.

This crusade will involve all of the Brethren churches in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Mr. Harvey Skiles is general chairman of the executive committee.

Dear Laymen:



I have been informed by Mr. Ward Kriegbaum that I am the recipient of one of the Laymen scholarships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for this honor.

It is my desire that through my education at Grace College I will be better able to serve my Lord. This scholarship will be a real help to me in fulfilling my desire.

Thank you again.

In His Name,

Lois Painter



Laymen in the News

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. Pictured above is a volleyball game in progress at the district laymen's retreat held at Camp Mount Lou San near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The men from the York, Pennsylvania, church served as hosts, and the ladies from the church supplied the men with all the fried chicken and trimmings they could eat. Speakers for the annual fall retreat included Rev. Russell Weber, Rev. Robert Griffith, Rev. William Steffler and Mr. Tom Teahl. (Photo by Allen Zook)

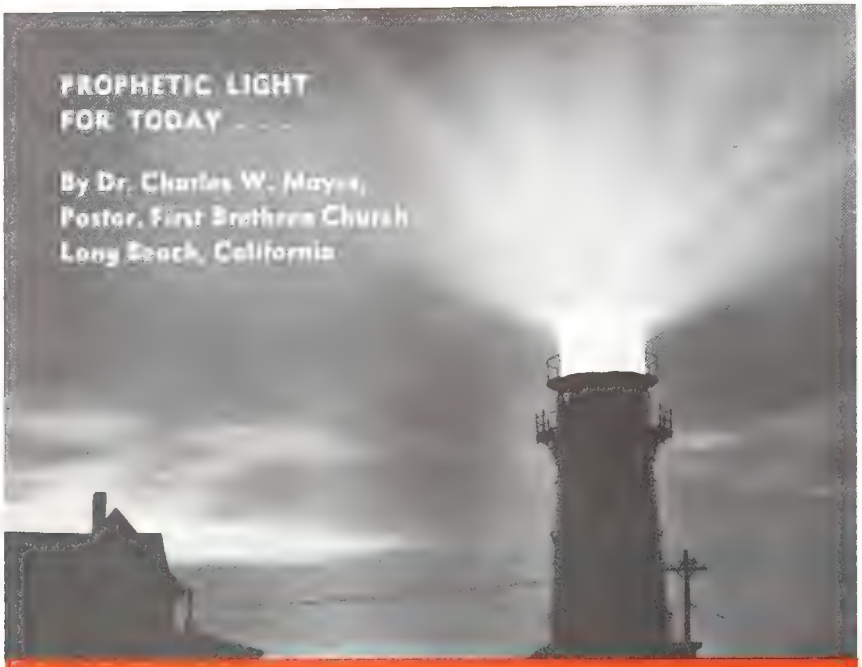
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. Mr. Jim Sowers, treasurer of the Grace Brethren Church here, reports that the Laymen of the Mid-Atlantic District have designated a gift of $25.00 for their songbook fund. It is sincerely appreciated.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Executive Committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen met here on October 8. All of the members of the committee were present, and Rev. Bill Smith, director of evangelism, met with the group also.

PROJECTS FOR 1966-67

1. Scholarship Fund	$2,000
2. Board of Evangelism	3,500
3. General Fund	1,000
Total	6,500

ENCOURAGE YOUR LAYMEN'S GROUP TO HAVE A PART IN THESE PROJECTS



The USSR--"With Many Ships"

We seem to be living in the day when Russia, believed by many to be the King of the North, is greatly enlarging her powers on the high seas.

A news item under date of August 15, 1966, states, "Russia is embarked on a carefully calculated plan to achieve supremacy at sea, two congressmen reported. . . . Reps. Hastings Keith, R-Mass., and Paul G. Rogers, D-Fla., made a fact-finding trip to Russia in January. Their findings were published Thursday. 'The emergence of the Soviet Union as a major maritime power is no accident of history,' they said. The findings included:

"Oceanography: Russia employs about eight or nine thousand people in its programs; the United States, only three thousand. The Soviets have 200 oceanographic and hydrographic ships conducting research in every ocean of the world.

"Commercial fishing: In 1965 the Russians unloaded 5.6 million tons of fish, 3.3 million more than U.S. fishermen. Moreover, Soviet vessels can be used extensively for intelligence activities.

"Merchant Marine: The Russians have 464 ships on order (24 per cent of the world total); the United States has only 41."

Turning to the Scriptures we read from the prophet Daniel, who wrote nearly six hundred years before Christ, that there is to be special activity in the land of the King of the North at the time of the end.

"And at the time of the end shall . . . the king of the north . . . come . . . like a whirlwind . . . with many ships" (Dan. 11:40). Since World War II, with the aid of the United States, Russia's strength has grown continually and most rapidly. This has taken place before the eyes of the whole world while the United States cuts back her military strength under the disarmament program. During the cold war Russia's sea power has increased to enormous proportions.

Since Satan is to bring to pass a world government in the end time, these moves are no surprise to the Bible-believing Christians who have an interest in Bible prophecy. It appears that Satan has used world figures like Napoleon to attempt world conquest. Many of our readers will remember Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin, who aspired to world conquest, although the God who rules in the affairs of men has prevented a world government thus far.

On May 28, 1966, Senator Smithington is said to have reported: "The heart of the Soviet naval threat is the submarine. . . . In recent months the Russians have kept submarines and surface units from the Black Sea and Baltic regularly deployed in European Waters."

On May 30, 1966, *Newsweek* reported: "Kosygin told the Egyptian National Assembly that the unified efforts of certain countries such as the U.A.R., Algeria, Syria, and Iraq may have great importance in reinforcement of the anti-imperialist front.'" It would appear that said front refers primarily to the U.S.A.

Some may be wondering whether perhaps that coming world government might be Russia with her helpers. Rest assured that the coming world government will not be Russia. There is another world ruler to come. He will see the defeat of the King of the North and will fulfill the prophetic image of the coming Satan-energized Anti-christ. Russia's defeat is sure, and may be nearer than you think.

Of course, we know the U.A.R. is committed to the destruction of Israel, and seems to look to Russia for help. How soon will the King of the North start down to the "unwalled villages" of Israel "to take a prey"? We do not know, but we do know that when Russia arrives on the soil of Israel, it will be the time for the defeat of the King of the North. See Ezekiel 38.

God's people should rejoice as events are rapidly setting the stage for the end-time judgments of God. We should be diligent since we still have liberty to preach and teach the gospel and send out missionaries.

The praying people of our day must be the key people in holding back these judgments. The Book has not changed, and each day's events unfold in harmony with that Book. ▼

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Home Mission Victories Bring Great Rejoicing!



BY LESTER E. PIFER

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15).

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase (Prov. 3:9).

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing (Ps. 107:22).

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Eph. 3:20-21).

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Ps. 100:3-4).

Sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things (Ps. 98:1).

Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good (Ps. 106:1).

In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him (Eccles. 7:14).

Voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous (Ps. 118:15).

In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (Phil. 4:6).

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 5:20).

The child of God standing in the midst of this world of plenty, opportunity, and liberty, properly evaluating these blessings, is compelled to stand in awe at the grace of God. How can God load such riches and abundance upon us, the undeserving—who really should have reaped the wages of sin? God is pleased in His wonderful grace to bestow these blessings in spite of our failures of the past.

Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, in His atoning work at the cross, when accepted by faith, makes the great difference. Receiving God's Son as Saviour locks up forever in the bosom of God's forgiveness our sinful past. This act of faith opens to God's children a new eternal relationship, a new freedom and liberty to be motivated and directed by the Spirit of God, and provides a guarantee of a glorious future with Christ in our eternal inheritance.

The spirit of thanksgiving borne out of truly grateful hearts ought to transcend every crisis, discouragement and heartache of life. The child of God must by the new nature within him evaluate every experience in the light of Romans 8:28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Our Brethren Home Missions work has its failures, discouragements, heartaches, and tears. But God has a wonderful way of transcending those failures with so many more successes, turning discouragements into encouragements and faith. God can wash away those tears of heartache by a new flow of tears of joy (Ps. 126:5-6).

The 570 souls saved and the 747 other decisions made in Brethren home-mission churches are an indication of God's power in our midst. The 48 mission points manned by 115 missionaries are evidence of God's leading in our hearts. The ten churches that have gone self-supporting this year are proof that God's children are responding in faith and trust in God. The new doors of opportunity which constantly open on new fields are God's way of opening our eyes to the need of America for the gospel.

Brethren, we have so much for which to praise God! "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15). ▼



COVER PHOTOS

The "Alpha" and "Omega" of home-mission churches. Left: Parkersburg, West Virginia, which went self-supporting October 1; right: Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, which broke ground October 6.

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Victory Unto Victory

By Warren E. Tamkin

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The First Victory

On the first Sunday of April, 1965, the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, came into existence. A band of faithful people living in this area who had been driving to Lancaster for church services now covenanted together to build a new church. Praise God, Lancaster County was now going to have its third Grace Brethren testimony.

There were 70 present on that first Sunday morning as Rev. Robert Lapp, who had been called to serve as pastor on a part-time basis, led in the services. Immediately the group was organized and came under the Brethren Home Missions Council, and they soon purchased a fine three-acre plot for their future building.

The Second Victory

It became apparent that God was going to bless this new testimony in an unusual way. Visitors were to be found in the services each week, and many aligned themselves with the new group. A full-time pastor would have to be found for this work, and on the first anniversary of the church's first service Rev. Warren E. Tamkin and his family moved to the field. With the help of both the North-Atlantic District Mission Board and the Brethren Home Missions Council, the new pastor would be able to minister on a full-time basis.

But a new crisis developed. It became necessary to vacate the building where the congregation was meeting. Where would facilities be available for a group approaching the 100 mark? But God opened the door, and a former bar just a few hundred yards away became available. In the good providence of God it was just two blocks from the building site, on the same street, and at one-half the former rent. The men of the church relished the work program, which consisted first of tearing down the large bar signs and then of cleaning up and painting. On May 15 the congregation moved into its new temporary home, with an auditorium seating about ninety and rooms for nine classes.

The Third Victory

The Building Committee and congregation moved quite rapidly in planning for a first-unit building, working with Rev. Ralph C. Hall of the Brethren Home Missions Architectural Department. A fine, one-story colonial building of just over four thousand square feet of floor space was selected, providing for an auditorium seating 176 and classrooms for a fully departmentalized Sunday school. As the church grew, a second-unit fellowship hall and a third-unit permanent sanctuary could be added to the plan. The $9,000 debt on the lots are being paid off at a fine rate.

The Fourth Victory

Early in September it was learned that the Brethren construction crew was planning to begin work on this building about October 1. So the men of the church cleared and mowed the lots, and the Building Committee laid out an entrance drive and parking lot. A local contractor was on the job immediately doing the grading. Then, in an effort to be out of the mud for the building project, many loads of gravel were hauled in and leveled. What a surprise when a few days later we received the gravel bill marked, "Paid in full!"

The Fifth Victory

Lancaster County had seen the greatest drought in 25 years, but just about the time our ground-breaking services were planned, the rains began to come. It rained off and on for days. In fact, it was still raining on Sunday morning, October 2. The nearby Rheems Fire Hall had been engaged for our congregational dinner and could be used for an afternoon indoor service if necessary. But as the morning hours passed and the sun began to shine, it became apparent that God was going to give us a beautiful day. Rev. Robert Lapp brought a challenging message on the theme, "Let Us Arise and Build." There were 127 in attendance at

Below: Group at the ground-breaking service





Group enjoying refreshments after ground-breaking

this service, and even with a large junior church program the facilities were taxed to capacity. Following this, nearly one hundred people enjoyed a delightful dinner prepared by the women of the church.

Chairs, pulpit furniture, and a portable organ were quickly moved to the lots after dinner. The sun came out brightly, and the temperature neared 70 degrees Fahrenheit on the thermometer. By the time the service began, nearly two hundred people had assembled on the beautiful hill, and as they viewed the surrounding valley, many marveled at the outstanding location the Lord had given His people.

Words of greeting were brought to the assembly first by Rev. Russell Weber, moderator of the Northern Atlantic District. Mr. Elmer Tamkin, the pastor's father and financial secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation, spoke on behalf of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Mr. Jay Hollinger represented the Lancaster churches, sang two selecmany of its members for this work. And a final word was heard from Mr. Don Sellers, superintendent of the Brethren construction crew.

The Heralds of Grace Quartet, composed of men from the local and Lancaster churches, sang two selections. Then Dr. Ralph Stoll, noted Bible teacher now residing in Lancaster, brought the challenge from the Word of God. His message, taken from Matthew 13:55, was entitled, "Is This Not the Carpenter's Son?"

The pastor led in the actual ceremony of breaking ground, followed by Mr. Wilbur Koser, chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. George Wilhelm broke ground as a member



Ground-breaking picture. Left to right, Rev. Russell H. Weber, Palmyra, Pa., Northern Atlantic District moderator, Mr. George Wilhelm, Harrisburg, Pa., area Home Missions Council director, Dr. Ralph Stoll, ground-breaking speaker, Rev. Warren E. Tamkin, pastor, Mr. Don Sellers, superintendent of Brethren Construction Company and Wilbur Koser, Building Committee Chairman.

of the Brethren Home Missions Council Board, Rev. Weber on behalf of the district, followed by Dr. Stoll, representing the many visitors and friends who were with us for that happy occasion.

A 'special hole" was dug by the pastor and lined with plastic, and following the benediction all were invited to participate in the offering in this manner. A large table had been set up on the lots, and all enjoyed refreshments and fellowship together before starting homeward.

The Other Victories

Ground-breaking was just the beginning of many victories which were to follow in October. The average Sunday morning worship attendance went over one hundred for the first time. There were decisions for Christ and rededications. Eight were added to the membership. We believe that this is just the beginning of many victories we shall be receiving from the Lord as the days pass.

The week of November 7 the Brethren construction crew members, Robert Baer and William Shakleton, finished their work in Columbus, Ohio, and joined the superintendent, Don Sellers, and Herbert Christopher who have been working here since the ground-breaking. The foundation is in, the plumbing that goes under the floor completed and the floor is to be poured this week. This is the most recent victory with the entire crew getting on the job earlier than anticipated. ▼

Parkersburg Grace Brethren Goes Self-Supporting!

By Rev. Melvin C. Hobson, Pastor



On the fringe of the "depressed Appalachian area" on the West Virginia side of the Ohio River lies a prospering little city known as Parkersburg. And in the Grace Brethren Church of that community there is no cause for depression, but much cause for rejoicing and "giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

In a business meeting held October 5, by a unanimous vote the decision was reached to become fully self-supporting as of October 1, which was three months earlier than anticipated. We praise the Lord for the faith of His people here.

At the outset of 1966 we began to pray for an outward evidence of the inward working of the Holy Spirit. We prayed that we might see decisions made for Jesus Christ; we prayed that we might see families added to the church membership; and we prayed that we might be self-supporting by 1967. Earnest prayers, especially those that are tenderized with tears, will be honored by Almighty God; this has been proven time and time again.

As the year has progressed, God has allowed us to witness 26 souls gathered into the fold of the Great Shepherd, and this number does not include 11 youngsters who received Christ as Saviour during Vacation Bible School. Thus far, 16 believers have passed through the baptismal waters. In these victories lies our cause for rejoicing.

In a week of meetings that lasted through Palm Sunday, Rev. M. L. Myers, of Mansfield, Ohio, brought a series of messages that caused some 14 people to rededicate their lives to the Lord. There were also 18 teenagers and youngsters who indicated a willingness to follow Christ wherever He might lead them.

As a project that would require faith, we decided to support three high-school students who were willing to be "summer missionaries" under Child Evangelism Fellowship. Karen Coplin, Larry Lee, and Charles Kelley went on to the training camp in Washington, Illinois, while we prayed that the Lord would provide the finances. He did! What a blessing it was to hear how God worked through these missionaries and one other young lady from Sully, Iowa! Thirty-one five-day clubs were held, 456 children attended, and 214 professions of faith were recorded. Certainly, there is much cause for rejoicing when a church can see her teen-agers engaged in the greatest task on earth—winning souls to Christ.

Along with the spiritual gains have come numerous financial blessings. It always works this way! Jesus intended for us to understand that finances will be supplied only after we tend to the spiritual needs. He told us, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

To our utter amazement a local businessman gave our church a check for $2,000, which we applied to our building debt. It has been a real cause for rejoicing to see how the Lord supplies all our needs. Our building debt has decreased $7,000 in slightly over two years.

We have cause for rejoicing in another area, too, and that is mission giving. Our own missionaries under the personalized-support plan are Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber and their little son, John. Our commitment for their partial support is $800 and already we have passed this goal. Our goal of $150 for the Navajo mission has already been passed.





Now that we are self-supporting, it is good to remember how the Brethren Home Missions Council has helped this church. Because the old Prosperity Brethren Church, some twenty miles from Parkersburg, in the Limestone Hill and Windy Ridge area, had lost her congregation because of migration to the city, Brethren people in the Parkersburg area were without a Brethren church. The first pastor sent out by the council was Rev. Lester E. Smitley. Through his leadership, regular services were conducted in the Pike Street Community Building. The present building was erected in 1955 and formally dedicated May 6, 1956.

Rev. Richard Placeway became the pastor in December, 1956. During the next seven years there was a large increase in attendance and membership. For 11 years Brethren Home Missions stood by ready to help and to guide this church as it grew from infancy. Now, in 1966, it is with both pride and rejoicing that we can say we are supporting Brethren Home Missions; in fact, we have already passed our 1966 goal of $450 for them.

Among other causes for rejoicing are the children interested in Jet Cadets; a young man in Grace College, Ronzil Jarvis, preparing for the ministry; concerned Sunday-school teachers; and increased giving.

Finally, the one great cause for rejoicing to the heart of the pastor is to see Christians who are maturing spiritually, Christians who feel the responsibility that goes along with the privilege of being sons of God and having eternal life, Christians who are concerned for lost souls . . . this is truly a great cause for rejoicing.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12).

Come over into depressed Appalachia to Parkersburg and rejoice with us! ▼









PHOTO LEGENDS

Top down: Entrance to a fire hall and the temporary meeting place of the Parkersburg Brethren.

The first pastor, Lester Smitley, points out the building site for the new Grace Brethren Church.

The 1954 congregation and pastor Smitley.

The second Parkersburg pastor, Richard Placeway, and his congregation in 1961.

The present pastor, Melvin Hobson, and his congregation in 1966.



DRYHILL, KY. (Marvin Lowery, missionary). More good news of the Lord's blessing here in Dryhill! Mr. Sam Shaffer and his nine-year-old son, Mike, both accepted the Lord as their Saviour! We surely praise the Lord for these victories. We had 51 in church yesterday morning (October 16) and 36 in the evening.

GEISTOWN, PA. (Ralph Burns, pastor). Our meetings with Brother William Steffler were wonderful. We had two first-time and six rededication decisions. We have gotten some new contacts, and the meetings left us with a zeal to go out and work. The church in its annual meeting voted to assume $300 more of my salary, set a goal of $750 for Brethren Home Missions, and plan to make a substantial reduction in the building debt.

COLUMBUS, OHIO (David Hocking, pastor). The attendances in the worship services continue in excess of 200. On October 17 we had 251 in church for the morning with 188 in Sunday school. That evening 132 returned for an excellent Sunday evening service. Our goal for the dedication on November 27 is 400 people.

TUCSON, ARIZ. (Harold D. Painter, pastor). "I am greatly encouraged in the work here. The first Sunday of October, we had 17 new people in attendance and the following Sunday 10 more. Three of these new families show a real interest in the work. We have new floodlights installed in the parking area and are ready to begin a plan of landscaping.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. Rev. Dale Hostetler, the former pastor at Gardena, Calif., will assume the leadership in development of the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Bible classes on December 1, 1966. These two Bible classes, started earlier this year, have been taught by Rev. Robert Thompson, western field director and other area pastors. Rev. Hostetler will move to the Santa Barbara area.

TOPPENISH, WASH. (Sam I. Horney, pastor). "I have just finished my 'pilot' on the first program for the new Spanish series of messages to be broadcast from KENE, Toppenish, Wash. I am using the music of "Wonderful Words of Life" as a theme song and using this also for the basis of a number of three-minute messages. Pray for this program that it may reach many Spanish speaking people in our area.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (Robert Salazar, pastor). We have reached our goal of pledges for 100 new hymnals but are trusting the number may reach 125 by the deadline. Our WMC chairman reports 150 books of trading stamps have been received toward a new piano with only 25 more books to go. Our other goal for Brethren Home Missions is within $60 (October 30, 1966).

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). In the past two weeks, two public decisions for Christ have been made, and we have set a new record in Sunday-school attendance of 42. The time for summer slump has come and gone, but we never caught the dread disease; our attendances and offerings actually increased. Our slogan now is "Double by December."

VANDALIA, OHIO (Everett Caes, pastor). Our attendance for the last ten months has shown an average attendance increase of 28 per cent. Rev. Ralph Hall, of the Brethren Architectural Service, was our special speaker on Rally Day.

LAFAYETTE, IND. (Jerry Young, teacher). A new Bible class is being started in Lafayette, Indiana, this Tuesday (November 1, 1966). I will be teaching the first two classes and sharing the responsibilities with Rev. Lee Dice of Flora, Indiana.

Meet Our New Secretary!



Miss Marilyn Vnasdale, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, joined the staff of the Brethren Home Missions Council on October 17, 1966, as office secretary. Miss Vnasdale has been working in the Mansfield Youth for Christ office for the past two years and has a sister, Mrs. George Johnson, on the foreign mission field of Brazil.

Home missions is not new to Miss Vnasdale, who became a member of the Mansfield, Ohio, church when it was still a home-mission church. Miss Vnasdale has always had a deep interest in the work of Brethren Home Missions, and we now are happy to introduce her as the newest member of the Brethren Home Missions family.

THE HEART OF THE JEW



By Bruce L. Button

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

Few people understand that area of man which is designated by the Bible as the heart. To most people the heart is an enigma. They try to believe the heart is good and is the motivation of good action on the part of man. They are unwilling to concede their heart deceives them. They will not admit their heart is desperately wicked. The majority of people, both Jew and Gentile, fall into this group. Only those who can be classed as sincere Christians are able to appreciate in some measure the real condition of their heart and agree with God's description of it. Yet even among these people many are often terribly deceived by their heart.

The Jew in particular has a real problem with his heart. In its pride and stubbornness his heart has led him far from his Messiah and, in consequence, far from his God. His heart has been the cause of all the tragedy he has experienced. Had the Jew listened to God and not followed his heart tendencies, he would have received unlimited blessings from God (Deut. 28:1-14). However, he chose to follow his heart and has experienced all the curses of Deuteronomy 28:15-67). What has happened to the Jew down through the ages is contingent upon his heart interest.

Now, the Jew has not been any worse than any other people. In fact, he has been morally better than most. But God made a particular covenant with the Jew. Thus he possessed knowledge and position which others did not have. He failed to accept the resultant responsibility. He proved to be no different from other people with less light. Today as a consequence the proud and stubborn heart of the Jew stands between him and his Messiah, between him and his God. There are many contributing factors.

For instance, the Old Testament is the story of the hardening of the heart of the Jew. Long ages of spiritual rebellion and unbelief have caused the spiritual perception of the Jew to be blunted. His heart has been hardened. Holy Scripture puts it this way: "See ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat . . . lest they . . . understand with their heart, and convert . . ." (Isa. 6:9-10). The Jew rejects New Testament truth because his heart has been progressively hardened to the pleading of the Old Testament truth. The Jew refused to begin at Moses and all the prophets and let the Messiah expound in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself (Luke 24:27). It is only through the pleading of the Holy Spirit that the heart of the Jew can be softened toward New Testament truth and Jesus the Messiah.

The heart of the Jew has also been bound. It is bound by man-made tradition. Tradition has misinterpreted Holy Scripture; tradition has mistranslated Holy Scripture; tradition has even blocked the translation of Holy Scripture. And all this has been done in the areas which have to do with the identity and work of the Messiah. In fact, in these later years it also has to do with the personality of the Messiah, for today there is a vast school which holds that Messiah is the movement in the State of Israel or that Messiah is really Israel. And the Jew clings tenaciously to Rabinical traditions. It is in this manner that the spiritual leaders of Israel have been able to deceive their people. Jesus discussed the matter of tradition and those who fostered it. He said: "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. . . . This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matt. 15:6, 8). It is only through the working of the Holy Spirit that the heart of the Jew can be released from the bondage of tradition.

The heart of the Jew is restless. He is not able to stay in one place very long. Some say the Jew is a wanderer because of persecution. The truth of the matter is he will never be satisfied until he is once again in the land God promised to Abraham and his descendents. Today he is in every land on the face of the earth. And it is his privilege so to be. But he never will be at rest. The ungodly Gentile will see to that. The Jew will find rest for his heart only when he listens to the God of heaven. Isaiah tried to warn his Jewish brethren what restlessness indicated. In chapter 57 he said, "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest. . . . There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:20-21).

One day Jesus was talking to a multitude about His identity. He was led to pray to the Father, and at the end of the prayer He addressed the people and finished with these words: "Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:27-29). The Jewish heart will find rest only when it responds to the gracious invitation of its Messiah, Jesus.

The heart of the Jew is empty in spite of all the material and physical things it possesses. The Jew like the Gentile imagines his heart can be satisfied with an abundance of material possessions and physical health and well being. Such is not the case. Jesus impressed the need of the heart on a select group of Jews on the side of a mountain one day. To them He said concerning the things of the world: "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek." Then He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:32-33).

What did Jesus mean by "his righteousness"? Listen to Paul, the Hebrew of the Hebrews; he, writing in connection with the Jew said this

of the Jew: "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:3-4). The empty Jewish heart can be filled only by that which fills the empty heart of all mankind, Jesus, the Messiah. Only then will he realize that righteousness which makes us acceptable to God.

The Christian believer should take the Jew to his heart. He should recognize he is in this day God's ambassador to the Jew. He is to beseech the Jew in Christ's stead, "Be ye reconciled to God!" Through the Christian the Jew must learn it was for our sake that Christ, who knew no sin, was made sin, so that in and through Him we might become the righteousness of God. May He encourage all of us with the foresight and grant us the wisdom to be His ambassadors. ▼

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The Promise of His Coming

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Jesus made a promise. He said to His disciples, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself." His promise was renewed through angelic messengers following His ascension. They said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Even though the unsaved world questions whether such a thing will ever happen, we can rest assured that it will; but more than this, the promise of His coming needs to be applied practically to our lives.

The Promise Is Questioned

In II Peter 3:1-7 we learn that the last days will be characterized by "scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" With the false premise of uninformitarianism they say, "Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," and they thus reach the equally false conclusion that the promise of His coming is an impossibility. Their willful ignorance blinds them to the fact that all things have *not* continued as they were (vv. 5-7). The destruction of the world by a universal deluge in the days of Noah stands in sharp contrast to their false premise. Linked with this is a warning of another judgment by fire.

Frequently one hears an individual giving vocal expression to such feelings. With tones of resignation to the fact that Jesus is not coming again, his comments run something like this: "I've been hearing preachers for fifty years saying that Jesus is coming again and He still hasn't come." The promise is questioned, but remember . . .

The Promise Is Assured

The sureness of Christ's coming

is the thrust of II Peter 3:8-10. The questioners may be willfully ignorant, but don't you be ignorant. The preacher who has been proclaiming faithfully the return of Christ for fifty years is not wrong. "Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness." (See also Ps. 90.) The promise is assured further with the words, "But the day of the Lord will come."

Suppose for a moment that the Lord *had* come a week ago. Where would you be now? No doubt every soul that has found Christ in the past seven days is happy that He did not come a week ago. But what about you? Could it be that the Lord has given you another week to accept Him and you have refused? If He has not come in the last fifty years, consider this: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come." You may have had your last opportunity to accept Christ. If you are a Christian and are resting in the assurance of His promise, read on and see how . . .

The Promise Is Applied

The very practical application, II Peter 3:11-18, begins, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness . . .?" The great doctrines of the Bible were never intended to end with mere intellectual assimilation. They should affect us where we live.

The promise of His coming should produce a holy life, "without spot, and blameless." Are there things in your life you would not want to be doing when the Lord returns? He may come at any moment. The promise of His coming should produce a life of service. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace." Coupled with diligence is a warning. "Seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness." The promise of His coming should stimulate growth. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The promise of His coming is attended with many practical values.

"Where is the promise of his coming?" "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise. . . . The day of the Lord will come." "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."▼

Wedding Bells

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Judy Collier and David Gleason, Oct. 22, First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

Mary Hergenrother and Paul Baxter, July 25, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Carol Elaine Lloyd and Kenneth William Bilger, Nov. 12, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Melanie Moreland and Gary Scott, Sept. 3, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Sandra Sue Harper and Richard Thorin, Oct. 8, First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Ellen Bryden and Jack Nichol, Sept. 9, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Kathy Royse and William Montgomery, July 16, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

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CHURCH NEWS

LEESBURG, IND. Rev. Kenneth Koontz has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church. He has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Pike Brethren Church of Mundy's Corner (Conemaugh) Pa.

ALBANY, OREG. Robert Thompson, western field director for the Brethren Home Missions Council, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 30. Adam Rager, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. On Nov. 6, Dr. Henry Heydt, president of the Jewish Missionary Training Institute in New York, was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church. James Dixon, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. The Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church broke all records on Rally Day with an attendance of 223 in Sunday school. On Nov. 6 ground was broken for an enlarged church sanctuary and educational unit. Rev. Warren Tamkin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, Pa., was the special speaker. Earle Peer, pastor.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, conducted a prophetic Bible conference at the Grace Brethren Church during Oct. 28-30. Clair Brickel, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, new director of the Washington office of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, was guest speaker at First Brethren Church on Oct. 2. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Richard Burch will terminate his ministry as pastor of North Riverdale Brethren Church on or before Dec. 31, 1966.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Sunday School established a new record attendance of 175 on Oct. 9. Lyle Marvin, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. A surprise 35th wedding anniversary was held for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crees on Oct. 8. Rev. Crees is pastor of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman conducted revival meetings here which resulted in seven first-time confessions of Christ and 16 rededications of life.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Bray are the proud parents of a baby boy, Robert Eugene, who was born Sept. 12 and weighed 8 pounds nine ounces. Rev. Bray is pastor of the Westminster Brethren Church.

DENVER, COLO. Thomas Inman, pastor of the Denver Grace Brethren Church, is requesting that names of Brethren families living in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, or Security, Colorado, be sent to him that contacts may be made for the starting of a new Brethren work in that area.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. Henry Dalke, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, annually bakes a cake and gives it to the one who brings the most new people to Sunday school on the Sunday which marks the beginning of his ministry in San Diego. He began his seventh year on Oct. 9. One year the cake baked by Pastor Dalke was a piece of board with plaster of paris icing. Last year it was three layers of foam rubber cemented together. This year's cake was an unusual surprise. It appeared to be just a box with icing on it, but inside the fake cake was a Polaroid camera.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnhart, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 30. True Hunt, pastor.

LA HABRA, CALIF. Robert Hill, pastor of the La Habra Brethren Church, spent the summer at Indiana University working on a doctorate in anthropology. Roy Howard acted as supply pastor during his absence.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Rev. Curtis Mitchell has accepted the position of associate professor at Biola College, taking the position held by Dr. Richard McNeely. Dr. McNeely is now serving as a Brethren chaplain in the Navy.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. A new, beautiful, air-conditioned lounge designed primarily for counseling and



ALTO, MICH. On Oct. 16 Charles A. Flowers was ordained to the Christian ministry at the Calvary Brethren Church, where he is pastor. Dr. Norman Uphouse, of Winona Lake, Ind., delivered the ordination message. Other Brethren ministers having part in the service were: Rev. Gerald Kelley, New Troy, Mich.; Rev. Gilbert Hawkins, Jackson, Mich.; Rev. Earl Funderburg, Norway, Mich.; Rev. Randall Poyner, Lansing, Mich.; Rev. Simon Toroian, Lake Odessa, Mich.; Rev. Russell Sarver, Hastings, Mich.; and Rev. Robert Poirier, Berrien Springs, Mich. The WMC ladies served refreshments in the dining room following the service.

Pictured, left to right, are Lloyd Miller, Randall Poyner, Norman Uphouse, Charles Flowers, Gerald Kelley, Simon Toroian, and Gilbert Hawkins.

meditation has been provided at Grace Brethren Church. This room is located just across the hall from the minister's office. Robert Collitt, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Dr. Phillip R. Newell, lecturer from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., presented a series entitled "Tongues of Confusion" at Community Brethren Church, which covered seven weeks beginning Sept. 15 and ending Oct. 27. Ward A. Miller, pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. On Oct. 30 Evangelist Bill Cruver, from Winona Lake, Ind., was guest evangelist at the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church. Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., pastor.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. On Dec. 4 homecoming services and dedication of the new $26,000 two-floor educational unit will be celebrated. Dr. Russell Barnard is the dedication speaker. The basement floor of the new unit will be used for Sunday-school classes, while the main floor addition will provide additional seating during worship services plus Sunday-school space when needed. Larry Gegner, pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Salazar, 1209 Alameda Rd., N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87114. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen, P.O. Box 17255, Tucson, Ariz. 85710. Rev. and Mrs. Chauncey B. Sheldon, 510 Rose Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90812. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Wilt, 2310 Manor Rd., York, Pa. 17404

WOOSTER, OHIO. Rev. David Hocking, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio, concluded a week of special meetings at the First Brethren Church here on Nov. 20. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

FILLMORE, CALIF. Ord Gehman has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church effective Dec. 31. He has completed eight years of pastoral ministry at this church.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of students at Grace College, is supplying the pulpit at First Brethren Church during the month of November.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. On Oct. 30 the Grace Brethren Sunday School recorded a 50 per cent increase in attendance over the previous year. James McClellan, pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Roy E. Kreimes, pastor of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, reports that on Oct. 30, ten of their 12 Sunday-school classes had perfect attendances.

Introducing Our New Executive Editor and General Manager

By Rev. Robert D. Crees

President of the Board of Trustees
The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

The Board of Trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. is happy to present to our readers Rev. Clyde K. Landrum as our new executive editor and general manager. Rev. Landrum will assume his new duties on January 1, 1967.

Clyde K. Landrum is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He also is a graduate of the Morehead (Ky.) State University, and for nine years taught in the public schools of Breathitt County, Kentucky. He was agency assistant manager for Prudential Insurance Company of America in Louisville, Kentucky, for two years, and then for one year during the war served as war bond sales manager in a defense plant in Stockton, California.

Rev. Landrum was one of the organizers of the home-mission church in Clayhole, Kentucky, and was a charter member and first Sunday-school superintendent. He went to Grace Seminary from that church and graduated from the seminary in 1948. He was the organizing pastor of the Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren



Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

Church and then pastor of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, for six years. During his pastorate in Uniontown he served as secretary-treasurer of the East District Mission Board for four years.

Clyde Landrum has served on the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits, and has been a member of the Board of Evangelism since 1953, three years of that time having been the president of the board. He has been elected secretary of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches every year since 1952. He became a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace Seminary in 1953 and currently is serving on its executive committee. In 1955 he assumed duties of assistant general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church and has served in that capacity for over 11 years. During his time with the society he has traveled extensively, visiting all of the foreign mission fields at least once. He has served as assistant editor of the FMS publication, *Foreign Mission Echoes,* since its beginning and as consulting editor of the FMS teen magazine, *SCOPE,* since its beginning.

In 1956 Rev. Landrum was the organizing pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana, and was co-founder of the Brethren Elementary School in 1958.

Currently listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest,* Rev. Landrum was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Morehead State University in 1966. ▼

I Had Dinner With a Baby!

By Evangelist Ron Thompson



It all began in Denver, Colorado, during the second service of a new life crusade. Attendance was good, enthusiasm was high, and I could feel the presence of God in a special way that Thursday night as I extended the invitation to the audience to make a decision for Christ.

It had been arranged that I would have supper after the service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Baker. Mrs. Baker had been saved eight months earlier and had been greatly burdened for her husband, who was not yet a Christian. Gary was number one on our special crusade prayer list, along with 98 others who also needed to make decisions for Christ. I had hoped that perhaps during supper I could speak to him about his need of Christ.

We had hardly sung the first stanza of "I Surrender All" when a young man walked forward and indicated his desire to be saved. I noticed that many of the Christians in the audience were crying for joy. And when he told me his name—Gary Baker—it suddenly dawned on me that this was the young man with whom I was to have supper shortly. I shared the joy of the audience.

I had supper that night with a baby, a spiritual baby, a new-born babe in Christ. Today Gary is busy studying a Bible correspondence course along with other follow-up materials. Will you pray for this fine, young Christian husband, that he may grow into the full maturity of the stature of Christ? ▼

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DALEY, Mrs. Gladys, departed to be with the Lord Sept. 28. She was a member of Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

NICHOLSON, Mrs. Ralph, departed from this life into the presence of her Lord on Nov. 1. She was a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church of Meyersdale, Pa., for over 54 years. Roy E. Kreimes, pastor.

KENDALL, E. F. (Frank), 79, a long-time, faithful member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 9.

Glen Welborn, pastor.

FRY, Walter, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster Ohio, since 1944, was called home to be with his Lord on Oct. 12.

Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

SMITH, Mary Irene Duncan, 85, was promoted to glory on Oct. 27. She had been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., since 1930.

Charles Mayes, pastor.

STEFFEN, Mrs. Nellie Viola, 74, was promoted to glory on Oct. 4. She was a member of the First Brethren Church at Long Beach, Calif., since 1933.

Charles Mayes, pastor.

HUMERICKHOUSE, Simon, 82, the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Church, Gardena, Calif., went to be with his Lord on Aug. 7.

Dale C. Hostetler, pastor.

SAUFLEY, Mrs. Alva, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 4. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa.

Russell Weber, pastor.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for a happy vacation period for the students over the Christmas holiday season.

PRAY for safety of travel as students and faculty will be traveling many thousands of miles during the holidays.

PRAY that the students will bear a good witness in their homes as they are on vacation.

PRAY for faculty and students who will be taking part in special meetings during this period.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for His many answers to prayer in supplying financial needs for Brethren Home Missions during 1966.

PRAY for the building programs in various stages of completion at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; Hagerstown, Maryland; Kokomo, Indiana; and Davenport, Iowa.

PRAY for the former home-mission churches at Spokane, Washington, and Chico, California, which have come back under the Brethren Home Missions Council for help.

PRAY for the reopening of the Berrien Springs, Michigan, church and for the new pastor, Robert Poirier.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for the Christian Service Brigade conference to be held on the Grace College campus between Christmas and New Year's Day.

PRAY that every church in our brotherhood may put a real emphasis on SMM and Christian Service Brigade in 1967.

PRAY that the staff of the Christian Education Department at Winona Lake may have wisdom as they plan their written program during this new year.

PRAY that every Sunday-school pupil may become involved in reaching his own neighbors for Christ in this new year.

PRAY that the financial needs of the Christian Education Department might be met through the faithful giving of our Sunday schools and churches.

WMC

PRAY that our WMC women will definitely feel the individual commission "So send I you," and respond heartily in their service for the Lord.

PRAY that our women will regularly remember our Birthday Missionaries in prayer, as well as our other retired and active missionaries.

PRAY for our national WMC committees as they plan our programs and projects for another year.

PRAY that our women may feel a greater need for regular personal devotions, Bible reading and prayer.

PRAY that our women may feel a greater need for personal work and witnessing.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for God's blessing and guidance on the trip of Rev. John Zielasko, now surveying our mission works and possibilities in Africa and Europe.

PRAY that God may direct those who do the planning and construction in the area of mission building needs.

PRAY for spiritual stability and growth on the part of national Christians in the various fields.

PRAY that the mission workers in France may be able to carry on an effective gospel outreach to the villages in the Chateau area.

PRAY for the ten missionary children who are studying in various schools of higher learning in the U.S. this year.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the successful crusade meetings this fall and the many who have come to Christ. Pray for those who have recently been saved in meetings conducted on the West Coast and in New Mexico.

PRAISE the Lord for the scores of souls won to Christ in Africa under the ministry of Evangelist Scott Weaver.

PRAY for Rev. and Mrs. Scott Weaver and team as they return to the United States this month.

PRAY for the staff evangelists Ron Thompson and Scott Weaver as they begin church crusade meetings the first part of January.

CHAPLAINS

PRAISE God for safety for three Brethren chaplains in Viet Nam: Burton Hatch, Paul Lindberg, and John Schumacher. Pray for them as they have many opportunities to witness for the Lord. Pray especially for Chaplain Hatch as he starts a midweek Bible class in the Saigon area. Paul Lindberg also asks that we pray for an injured chaplain, a non-Brethren man, that he may be healed and restored to his ministry.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for all the girls who are SMM members.

PRAY that each SMM girl will daily observe her quiet time, faithfully endeavor to meet all goals, and live a consistent Christian life.

PRAY that your local patronesses may be led of the Spirit in their work with precious lives.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord that Rev. Clyde Landrum has accepted the call of the board of trustees to become the new editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, effective January 1, 1967.

PRAY for the continued support of this missionary work by our brotherhood in order that the free literature ministry might be broadened.

PRAY for the writers of our Sunday-school literature, that strength and wisdom might be granted for their responsibility.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the many new local laymen's group officers who will assume their duties January 1.

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Sports Triumphs at Grace

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Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

The March of the Times

The final quarter of 1966 is now in progress, and it confronts mankind everywhere with an enigma. Where do the events of the present lead? In almost every quarter of the globe the world is in turmoil and strife. There is revolution and counter-revolution; nation rising against nation, race against race, class against class, religion against religion; poverty, pestilence, lawlessness, anarchy, immorality, degeneration.

The financial economies of the world are resting upon a foundation of sand. The superstructures are weaving, swaying, rising, trembling, and toppling. In one area they are experiencing galloping inflation, in others they are in severe recession, and in still others the economy balances on the brink of the abyss. A thoughtful businessman recently confessed that in all his long years of experience there has never been a time like the present. There seem to be no criteria by which to diagnose the trends.

Though the movement of events seems to be shaping up into a topsy-turvy pattern, the Word of God declares that the King of the Ages (I Tim. 1:17) upholds all things by the word of his power (Heb. 1:3) and is working all things after the counsel of his own will (Eph. 1:11). This means that there is purpose in the movement of events, and that purpose in relation to the saints is for good (Rom. 8:28), and it will ultimately work out for the glory of Him who guides the universe to its certain goal (Rev. 4:11).

The Enrollment at Grace

For a second straight year there has been an unusual growth in the student body at Grace both in the college and in the seminary. In the college the enrollment has gone up to 447, an increase of 22 per cent over a year ago. This student body comes from 23 states and four foreign countries. In the seminary the enrollment reached 160, counting all students, resident and nonresident. This marks an increase of close to 20 per cent. In total, there are 600 students, 100 more than a year ago.

The larger student body brings with it certain problems that invariably accompany increase. Rearrangement of classrooms to handle larger classes was the experience in both schools. More seating capacity had to be provided for chapels. And new provisions had to be made to supervise the various school functions.

But this larger student body was most welcome. We had prayed that God would send in more students, and He did. The larger student body made it more certain that we would be able to meet the budget from increased student income. In a swiftly accelerating financial economy in which we are now living, this increase gives more promise that we will be able to survive the financial contingencies of the present year.

There Is a Moving in Hearts

From the moment of the opening of school there has been a continuing moving in the hearts of young people and faculty. It is quite evident that Heaven has come down upon us in a revival. Young people are getting saved, dedicating their lives, giving themselves to prayer, setting themselves aside from sin, and in general demonstrating that they appreciate the atmosphere of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.

Nothing brings more gladness to the faculty and staff than this demonstration. In this atmosphere, even the academic takes on new meaning and zest. But uppermost in our hearts is the accomplishment of that highest of all achievements, the development of every talent to the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is a time when God's people across this land need to join us in prayer for the continuing realization of the supreme purpose of this school in the lives of the young people who are in attendance. At no time in the history of the world has there been more need for the accomplishment of this purpose than now.

The Enterprise Immediately Before Us

On September 14 the groundbreaking service was held for the proposed new library. It was a beautiful day. The students outlined the building at that point where it is to be built on the campus. Many of the College Community Council were present and participated in the service along with others from the local community. Rev. Clyde Landrum, representing the Board of Trustees,

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Top left: SOCCER WIN—Grace College soccer players hoist Coach Richard Kriegbaum to their shoulders following a recent victory.

Top right: CROSS COUNTRY WINNER—Grace College freshman Mike McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max McCoy, Columbia City, Indiana, receives the first place trophy from Grace athletic director Lloyd Woolman. His time was 15:55 over a three-mile course.

Below: LEADING SOCCER SCORER—Jean-Pierre Makeieff, sophomore and a native of Marseille, France, center in the trio with the ball, has been the leading soccer scorer for the Grace Lancers, who have a 4-5-1 season.



The Secret For Effective Progress

BY JOHN J. DAVIS

Instructor of Hebrew and Old Testament
Grace Theological Seminary

The year is 1405 B.C. On the east bank of the Jordan River hundreds of thousands of people are poised in silence. The excitement of this throng is electrifying. After forty years of frustration and disappointment the moment has arrived. Israel is now ready to enter the Promised Land. But one moment . . . we have a crisis! Look at the River Jordan! It is flooding over its banks and is rushing toward the Dead Sea with such power and force that surely no one will attempt to cross. In addition to this, look at the impressive defensive walls of Jericho and the sophisticated military might of the Canaanite tribes which lie just beyond Jericho in the hill country. Does this mean the end to progress?

In the silence of this moment Joshua steps forward and with a clear, convincing voice issues the order to march. The instructions and admonitions given by Joshua on this momentous occasion provide us with the secret for effective progress and the key to spiritual victory. The attitudes and actions of Joshua in this crisis situation are clear verifications of his faith in the God of Israel.

First, there was *the unqualified reception of the divine message.* When God commanded Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the land of Canaan, Joshua did not request an extension of time in order to let the Jordan River subside. He did not plead for a different route so as to avoid confrontation with the enemy. He did not call for a caucus, a commission, or a committee report in five copies, with this committee to be duly organized and named "The Committee on Crisis in the Contemporary Situation." Without argument and without delay he ordered the people to prepare to march (Joshua 1:11). He was well aware of the crisis that confronted this young nation.

It would be well for us to ask at this point, Are we aware of the crisis of our day? Are we knowledgeable of the fact that the rushing tide of liberal theology has swept away any remnants of a Biblical theology from most college and seminary campuses? Not only have institutions of higher learning surrendered to the pressures of popular opinion, but churches are also crumbling. Satan and his forces have not retreated. The conflict is still on; no treaty has been signed. No peace pact has been drawn up. The cease fire has not been heard. Hell is still taking its toll! This is crisis! Are we really concerned?

Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary were established in the midst of this crisis and because of it. These schools exist because of a deep concern on the part of God's people for the purity of the gospel and the salvation of lost souls. One of the aims of these institutions is to meet this spiritual crisis head on by arming men and women with the truth of the gospel and sending them out to the battlefronts of the world.

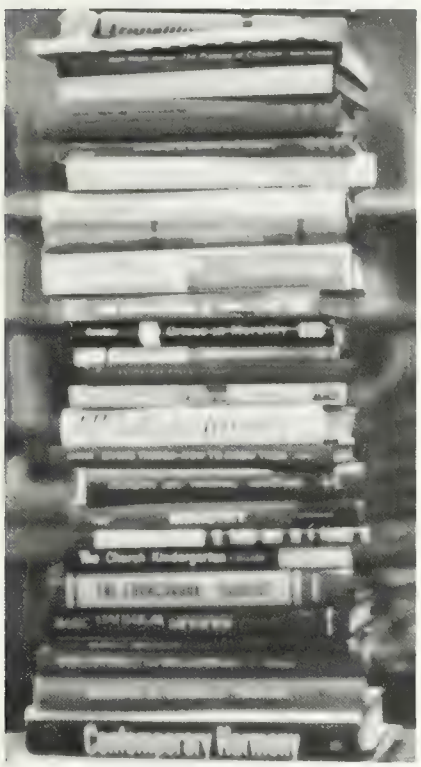
The *second* secret for effective progress is *the unqualified adoption of divine methods.* Observe that preparation for the march into Canaan was not made by sharpening swords or polishing shields. It was clear that the battle was the Lord's. The total emphasis was on personal, spiritual preparation. The people were commanded to sanctify themselves (Joshua 3:5), i.e., to set themselves apart for God's program and will. They were ordered to keep their eyes on the Ark of the Covenant for leadership in the march, not the soldiers, generals, or Joshua (Joshua 3:3, 11).

Speaking of methods, imagine the raised eyebrows when Joshua informed his top military leaders that he was going to take Jericho by blowing trumpets and marching around the city for seven days! This

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Consecrated Dollars In Christian Higher Education

By Richard G. Messner
Director of Development
Grace College and Seminary



It is my distinct privilege to present a series of articles on the various ways money can be used in furthering the cause of Christian higher education at Grace College and Seminary. This first article will deal with ways you can assist Grace Schools while you are still living. In subsquent articles we will explore the area of deferred giving, or, more specifically, how you can provide financial assistance to the schools after your death.

There appear to be three motivational levels operating in us as we live our Christian lives.

First, *you must*. This is law. There is a lack of freedom and personal choice. This system was operative in Old Testament times and is still prevalent in some church bodies today. Stewardship is not a whip or legal action to drive people to give to their church or college.

Second, *you ought to*. This is the moral obligation compulsion. There is a feeling of duty. In order to be a good citizen and "community conscious," I will do it. This is the motivating force of many people today. They give to their church college because they ought to.

Third, *you will want to*. This is grace, freedom, love, spontaneity, recklessness, and hilariousness. This is the correct Biblical concept of giving. Paul's letter to the Romans explains the place of law in our lives: we are under grace, not under law (Rom. 6:14). He further proceeds to reject moral compulsion ("not of necessity") (cp. II Cor. 9:7 and Phile. 14).

Milo Kauffman, in a book entitled *The Challenge of Christian Stewardship*, has well said: "Too often attempts are made to wring generous offerings from selfish people. Christian stewardship most certainly is not church legislation nor a scheme to deprive men of their cash. It is the natural consequence of an experience with God—the natural reaction of the human heart that has been touched by the Holy Spirit."

Assuming now that you would like to help Grace College and Seminary in a financial way, what are the various avenues open to you?

Gift Annuity

An annuity is a *written agreement* issued by Grace Theological Seminary (our legal incorporated name in the State of Indiana) which provides:

1. Payments for the lifetime of the person or persons named in the agreement.

2. An immediate gift to Grace Schools.

An annuity differs from other income-producing agreements in that an annuity *makes a gift portion immediately available to work in behalf of Grace Schools*. The remaining portion is invested to provide the stipulated annual payment for as long as the annuitant lives. This method provides the following tax advantages if your individual income tax circumstances are such that the following tax provisions apply to you: (a) If you qualify, you may have a tax deductible gift, or, (b) if you qualify, a portion of the annuity payments to you is totally tax exempt.

For example, a man, age 72, wishes to make a gift to Grace Schools. However, he will need additional income to supplement his present income. If he places $5,000 in a Grace gift annuity, $600 will constitute an immediate gift to Grace Schools and will be deductible on his Federal Income Tax return in that year. Any unused portion of this deduction may be carried over into the next five years. He will assure himself a fixed annual income of $400 (8 per cent). All of this income is considered to be non-taxable. Other tax advantages are available if appreciated property (any kind of property that has increased in value since it was purchased) is given as a gift annuity.

Development Savings Agreement

Making the use of money available on an interest-free basis over a 20-year period is proving an excellent way for many friends to support the development program of Grace Schools.

Amounts of $500 or more are accepted under a development savings agreement. A payment plan is also available in which you pay $100 down and $15 per month for five years. The savings agreement is then handled as follows:

1. A sinking fund has been established which will guarantee repayment at the end of 20 years to you or your beneficiary.

The full amount of the savings agreement is placed directly in the Grace Development Fund for *immediate use* in the construction program.

I think you can readily see the tremendous savings in interest. Last year Grace Schools paid $40,300 in interest alone.

Short Term or Charitable Trusts

This type of trust is becoming popular with donors who have a rather large income or a specialized estate problem. Income property, stocks, or securities may be made to

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3+4=12???

Three plus four equals one-two (base five); three plus four equals seven (base ten); three plus four equals zero (mod seven). The year has 265 days (base twelve); Christmas comes on the 11001th day of the 1100th month (base two).

Parents have been hearing about such problems as these for some time. They have concluded that modern mathematics must be a foreign language beyond ordinary comprehension. Some have breathed a sigh of surrender or relief and have decided they have a real excuse for no longer helping with fourth-grade homework.

There is little doubt that changes were needed in the study of mathematics, beginning with arithmetic. Long, tedious lists of facts to be memorized and then fixed by formal drill exercises did not prepare everyone for a complex world. The opposite extreme was tried, in which arithmetic was taught only when and as it met some immediate need in a social or classroom situation. This left great gaps of comprehension. A new approach which would be meaningful mathematically and more worth while to the children had to be developed.

The college graduate of 1967 in a brief span of 21 years has seen the first computer, the first sputnik, the first astronaut, television, jet airplanes, and lasers. The child born in 1967 will graduate in 1988 and must be prepared to face a world filled with new and strange wonders which science and mathematics will develop.

Children enter school fascinated with numbers. But by the time they reach junior high school, mathematics has become dry and repetitious. Millions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of hours of work have gone into analyzing the difficulties and developing new approaches to the problem. The modern mathematics approach is one of inquiry and discovery. It is a new spirit, along with some new content. But do not be alarmed; the basic facts of addition and the multiplication tables are as important as ever.

Take a look at a couple of the newer ideas.

Sets

A woman brings a sack of groceries home from the store. She has a subset of the set of grocery items which were in the store. Her sack of groceries now becomes a universal set, from which she takes a subset for the freezing compartment, another subset for the vegetable bin, and another subset for the egg container. From the set of twelve eggs she has purchased, she selects a subset of three for a cake recipe.

In the morning she takes her own set of three children and picks up the neighbor's set of two. The union of these two sets is delivered to school. The set of 35 fifth graders are going on a field trip. The intersection of the set of her three children and the 35 fifth graders includes one member, her son John. Thus union and intersection are operations on sets, just as addition and multiplication are operations on numbers.

BY JESSE D. HUMBERD

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Sets of objects are common, but the most important sets are sets of numbers. The set of fingers on one hand and the set of school days in one week can be matched one-to-one and thus have the same cardinal number five. This abstract "fiveness" is an important concept to be acquired.

Number Bases

How can three plus four be equal to twelve? Most people group quantities by tens because it is a natural step from counting on the fingers. Eight plus seven is equal to nine plus six. It is also equal to ten plus five. The latter is chosen and a plan worked out to write the result as 15, in which the 1 is moved over to represent ten and the 5 is left to represent the five. This same quantity can be expressed as three fives and written 30 (base five), in which the 3 is moved over to represent the three fives and the 0 is left to indicate that there are no units. In this way one can express three plus four as five plus two, and write it 12 (base five).

There are other new ideas in modern mathematics. Most of them have long been used by wise teachers at one time or another. The use of number sentences, the number line, number patterns, careful definitions, number axioms, and the development of mathematical thinking are important parts of a modern program.

The history of mathematics is a record of the discovery of existing laws and the invention of better symbols as needed from time to time for their expression. Mathematics is God's gift to man by which man can better accommodate himself to his surroundings and adjust his environment to himself. ▼



History Speaks to the Christian

BY R. WAYNE SNIDER

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It is not difficult to find many people who do not like or who are not interested in history. This is true among both Christians and non-Christians. In the case of the Christian, it ought not to be. If there is anyone who should be intensely concerned about what has happened in the past, it should be the child of God.

Often the definition for history is given as "His-story." If this is an appropriate definition, the Christian is missing out on a wonderful opportunity to see what evidences there are in the record of history which manifest the working of the Lord through providence. That which has been prophesied concerning the first coming of Christ has already been fulfilled. It is a never-ending source of comfort and confidence to review these facts as related in history, because they prove that as God was faithful to bring these facts completely to pass, so will He perform those things which have been prophesied concerning the second coming of Christ.

It is a delightful experience to study the Old Testament side by side with the most recent textbook in ancient history. Many events which were recorded in the Old Testament, and at that time were yet future, are described in detail in the history book. They have become a part of the historical record of mankind and nations. The Old Testament is not a textbook of ancient history, but it does deal with the nations surrounding Israel as their foreign policy involved God's chosen people.

Perhaps two examples will suffice to demonstrate how prophecy and history, in God's sight, are the same. They are different in man's sight only because man is a creature of time.

One of the most interesting prophecies is to be found in Psalm 22, which records the death of one by crucifixion. It was written by David, who lived in a culture which knew very little, if anything, about this means of capital punishment. The Jews stoned a person to death if he was found guilty of a capital offense. It may be that the Phoenicians devised the method of death by crucifixion, but it was not until the time of the Roman Empire that it was adopted as the official method of getting rid of criminals and outcasts.

In God's planning it was important that the Roman world include Palestine at the time when Jesus was to be born, not only so that when the tax decree went out it would send Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, but also that the power which would be exercising jurisdiction ever the Jews would be a power using death by crucifixion. If the Jews had been in control of their own affairs and had brought Jesus to trial and execution, He would have been stoned to death. The death described in Psalm 22 would not fit this experience.

It is interesting to note further in John's account of the trial of the Lord that when the Jewish leaders were told to take Jesus and judge Him according to their law, they said that they could not. This fact is seen in their response: "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." They were exactly correct, because just a few years previously the Roman authorities had taken from the Jews the right to try capital cases. What a small matter this must have been at the time, but how significant it was to the fulfillment of prophecy!

In another remarkable prophecy Ezekiel states the prospect of judgment on Tyre, a wicked and prosperous city of Phoenicia (Ezek. 26). The details of this prophecy are so specific that anyone would be a fool to spell them out so clearly; that is, unless he was more than mere man.

For a couple of centuries this prophecy remained unfulfilled. Shalmaneser, the Assyrian king, tried in a five-year siege to take the city of Tyre; Nebuchadnezzar tried throughout a 13-year siege to do the same. With these two great kings failing, it must have appeared to the peoples of that day that God had spoken in error this time for sure. However, a young king who was not yet on the scene, a man who would be called "the Great," was the instrument by which the Lord brought about the destruction of this city. This king was Alexander the Great, who in his attempt to conquer the East could not allow Tyre to remain outside his dominion. In meeting successfully this challenge, which others had failed to cope with, Alexander satisfied his vanity and in the process fulfilled God's Word concerning Tyre.

Alexander had to offset his lack of a navy by building a causeway from the mainland city to the island city, just offshore. In building the causeway, Alexander used the materials at hand, which were the stones, timber, and even the dust, so that the mainland city was scraped bare like a rock and became a place to spread fish nets so they could be dried and mended. The fulfillment of this particular prophecy resulted in a change of the coastline, making a little bump, so that every time the Christian looks at a map of modern Lebanon (ancient Phoenicia) he should be reminded of the faithfulness of the Lord to His Word.

History certainly does speak to the Christian. It speaks of the concern of God for the fulfillment of His word. It brings comfort and confidence to the Christian, for it constantly reminds him that the sovereign God is still on the throne of the universe. The more critical his study of history, the more appreciative the Christian student becomes of the superintending providence of the Lord. ▼

The Future of Grace Theological Seminary

BY REV. PAUL E. DICK
Member of the Board of Trustees
Grace Seminary

No one will doubt the fact that we are living in a very hectic and rebellious society. The daily edition of the newspaper and the hourly radio and television newscasts tell the same story. It is an account of unrest, revolt against the laws of morality and decency, and a society bent on putting aside all restraint. In spite of this, ours is an age of thrilling anticipation that soon the Lord Jesus Christ will come to put an end to all the ills of society and establish the Golden Age for which men have looked and prayed for many millenniums.

At the crossroads of this society in which we live there stands the ministry of Grace Theological Seminary. This ministry is of such nature and importance that it can cause millions of men and women to be brought face to face with the true issues of life and be given an opportunity to believe and be saved for all eternity. It is therefore absolutely essential that we expand the testimony and influence of this school through every conceivable and honorable means.

If Grace Theological Seminary is to have a continued, fruitful, expanding ministry until the Lord comes for His own, it must not deviate from the principles upon which it was founded. Grace Seminary was born "for such a time as this." The future of the school is a bright one because of a faithful past. Let us look at this more closely.

A Faithful Past

According to the Articles of Incorporation Grace Seminary was instituted to inaugurate and effect a type of Christian education which would have for its chief spiritual goal "To Know Christ and Make Him Known as the Only Saviour and Lord of Life," and which would be characterized by the following contributing ideals: (1) a Bible-centered curriculum; (2) a competent and believing scholarship; (3) a spiritual and prayer-charged environment; (4) a missionary and evangelistic spirit; (5) a premillennial hope and viewpoint; (6) a spirit-filled and separated life; and (7) an expository preaching and teaching ministry.

To my knowledge, this goal and these ideals have been preserved and perpetuated at Grace. This is not to say that the years since the birth of the school have not been without the temptation to be like others. But I thank God that the administration and faculty throughout the years have had a deep desire to contend earnestly for the "faith which was once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

An Encouraging Present

Grace Seminary continues to contend for the Faith and is determined that this shall be the basis for future operation of the school. Students from far and wide are being attracted to a school with such conviction. It is a well known fact that there are but few schools in our land which offer the Bible in all of its fullness. Grace Seminary is determined that the Holy Scriptures will be the center of its teaching ministry and accepts fully the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matt. 5:18; John 10:35; 12: 49; 17:17; II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1: 21).

With such convictions, the image of Grace Seminary mounts higher and higher as the years unfold, while those who are of a liberal persuasion have more difficulty in defending their denials. Thank God there are still those who refuse to accept the denials of the Virgin birth and other related cardinal fundamentals and are turning to conservative evangelical schools to continue their study of truth in a warm spiritual atmosphere and fellowship. This is attested by the fact that in this past year the graduates of Grace Seminary were more than double those of the previous year. The enrollment in the seminary this fall is 154, the highest in our history.

A Bright and Responsible Future

As we view the history of The Brethren Church, and Grace Seminary in particular, we can see the evident blessing that is yet to come as we remain true to the Word of God.

The two great missionary arms of the church, home missions and foreign missions, have grown tremendously in the last several years. New fields around the world have been entered and new churches established in cities across our nation. These organizations will continue their faithful ministry of expansion until the Lord comes, with a growing need for more missionaries, pastors, Christian teachers and workers. Where will these workers come from, and who will train them?

It is inconceivable that God will continue to bless the missionary outreach of our church and not bless the source from which a major portion of these workers must come. Just as long as Grace Theological Seminary is true to the whole Word of God and is faithful in conveying this Word to its students, we may expect God's abundant blessing and a continual growth. The school needs and deserves our prayerful and financial support. It also needs our children to educate and train for the great ministry of taking the gospel to a lost and dying world.

Standing by to promote the ministry of the school is a dedicated and spiritual administration and faculty of born-again Christian men and women. Until Jesus comes, may we do our part to help make the future of Grace Seminary a bright one. Let us pray earnestly that this school might discharge nobly its God-given responsibility. ▼

Consecrated Dollars . . .

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a charitable trust established by a donor with the income payable to Grace Schools for a period of at least two years. There is no income tax liability while the income is payable to Grace Schools. This type of trust enables the donor to make a gift of income for a period of time which he selects (but at least two years) and then have the source of income pass to another member of his family, a designated individual, or possibly Grace Schools. This provides an excellent way of assisting Grace Schools without jeopardizing a family's ultimate security.

Outright Cash Gifts

Grace College and Seminary receive their income from two principal sources: (a) tuition of students and (b) gifts from interested friends. Our friends actually fall into two groups.

1. Faith-promise friends. This group of individuals makes a promise by faith to give on a regular basis over a five year period to our development program. This is to be over and above any other giving to the schools. Gifts can be made directly to the schools or through the local church. Since this is an act of faith, it is termed a "faith promise." Faith-promise cards will be sent upon request.

Our faith-promise friends back up their gifts with prayer. To date we have 114 faith-promise friends. We are just getting started on this program and are setting a goal of 1,000 in the next two years.

2. Contributors. The contributor is vital to the financial welfare of Grace College and Seminary. He may or may not be a faith-promise friend, but he gives at least $5.00 a year to the schools. This makes him eligible for corporation membership, and he then receives a subscription to *Decade Developments*. To date we have 2,959 on our corporation membership list. This represents a comparatively small percentage of the 28,500 members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

I hope this article has been helpful to you and that you will prayerfully consider how you might make use of this information in giving to Grace College and Seminary. Hundreds of Grace students will thank you in years to come. ▼

The Secret For Effective Progress

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method may not have had the appearance of sophisticated tactical military maneuvers, but it was God's method, and without hesitation Joshua adopted it. This, my friends, is the secret to progress.

Finally, the secret to effective progress is found in *the unqualified anticipation of divine miracles.* A careful examination of the Book of Joshua, chapter 3 will reveal that Joshua was looking for *God's miraculous power* (v. 5). There was no doubt in his mind that God would care for the flooding of the Jordan and the formidable defenses of the Canaanites. Verse 7 of this chapter further indicates that he was looking for *God's miraculous presence.* What more assurance could one ask than the personal presence of an omnipotent God? Along with these, Joshua was convinced of *God's miraculous protection* (v. 10). Joshua made no mistake about his own power and military capabilities. Success in the conquest would depend largely on Israel's faithfulness and God's power.

Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary are on the march! These schools are on the march because there is concern in this time of crisis. All available intellectual and spiritual forces are being marshaled into meaningful regiments of thought and action. It is not the goal of these institutions to direct young people into pansy-picking expeditions on the Elysian fields of mythical bliss, or to spray rosewater upon the stench which rises from a sinful generation, or to manufacture rose-colored glasses for the distorted vision of this present evil world. It is their goal to recruit young men and women and to mobilize them into a spiritual striking force that will make an impact on this generation. Our chief weapon in this crisis and conflict is the inspired, inerrent Word of God. Our chief personnel consist of born-again, consecrated, trained young men and women.

We invite you to join us in this important march. We are in conquest of the souls of men. This is a most exciting expedition! The prospects are all new, the possibilities are limitless, and the results are eternally rewarding. Your investment in these institutions will result in eternal victories. We are all aware that we, like Israel, "have not passed this way heretofore." The challenge of this hour is, therefore, "Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3: 4-5). ▼

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of messages delivered to the National Ministerium, August, 1966.)

Our President . . .

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brought the main message.

Excavation is now under way, and we hope to have the foundation in before severe weather interrupts construction till spring. The plans as of this present time are to carry construction forward as long as there are funds available, hoping to have the building ready for occupancy by the fall of 1968.

As of this date there is nearly $145,000 in cash and pledges raised, and over half of this is in cash. Since this building will cost something over $600,000, it is essential that the flow of funds be continuous in order that the work may not be interrupted. By using the school construction team under the direction of Max Fluke, we believe that it will be possible to keep within the original estimate in spite of the 15 per cent rise in costs.

At this end, administration, faculty, staff, and crew are doing their best to contribute to the realization of this worthy enterprise. Will you help us to forge ahead to the very end? Is it possible that you have funds you could give at this time to guarantee the accomplishment of this purpose? It is our prayer that the Spirit of God will lay this appeal of need upon your hearts. ▼

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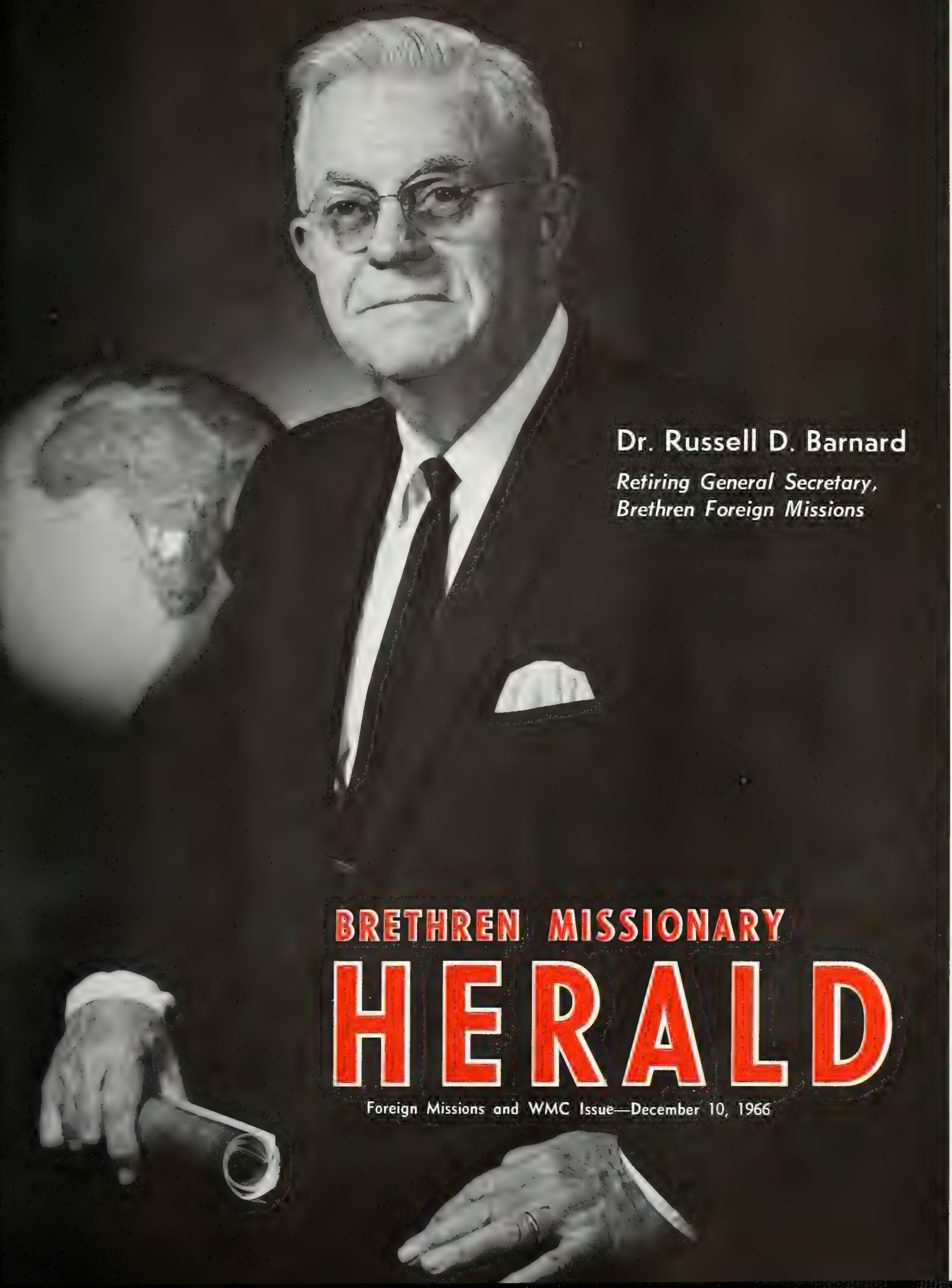
Will You Accept a Challenge?

A young couple with a real burden to see the new Library-Learning Center erected on Grace campus has offered to give a $1,000 CASH GIFT if four other $1,000 CASH GIFTS are received.

One couple has already responded with a check for $1,000. Three more $1,000 CASH GIFTS are needed to meet this challenge.

Will you respond?

MAIL YOUR $1,000 TODAY to the Development Fund, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Mark it "Challenge Gift."



Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Retiring General Secretary,
Brethren Foreign Missions

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A Personal Message



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Dear TMS Friends:

On December 31 I shall be retiring from the administrative position of general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. I accepted the position in August, 1945, and came into the active work on March 15, 1946. These have been happy years. You have given me very wonderful cooperation. I want by this means to thank you. I want in the next words to ask that all of you give the same fine cooperation to my successors and those associated with them. I want also to thank all those who have been associated with me in this leadership —an excellent board of trustees and a family of very loyal office staff members.

By this time it is probably known to all that Brother Clyde K. Landrum, who has been assistant general secretary, has resigned to become the executive editor and manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. For some years his office has been just east of the room in which I am writing this; now his room will be just west of it. I am sure there will be a continuation of the happy relationship between these two areas of Brethren service. Our prayer is for the great blessing of God on Brother Landrum in his new work.

Brother John W. Zielasko comes into full leadership on January 1, 1967. He has been in my office for quite a few months. I marvel at how quickly he has become acquainted with the administrative work of foreign missions. I can assure everyone that the business of foreign missions, as well as the spiritual ministry in this great work, will be in good hands.

I will not be discontinuing foreign mission activity. Although receiving income from Social Security, I will continue with foreign missions on rather a half-time basis, serving especially in the months of January through June. For the remainder of the year my time will be my own—yet not my own, for as a young man I gave my time to the Lord Jesus Christ. During the part of the year when I am not with foreign missions, I will consider it a privilege to preach many, many times in many places. I want to be used to the glory of the Lord in any possible way. Early in the first week of January my wife and I will leave for a western trip in missionary conference work, a trip from which we do not plan to return to our home in Winona Lake until sometime in the month of May.

In many churches I have said, "There are two groups in God's economy for a lost world: those who go, and those who send them." I hope to continue saying this as long as God gives me breath. I feel there is no other basis of getting the Gospel out.

Those who go. A considerable number have gone, and some have gone on to be with the Lord. But we have about 120 in the missionary family today. That number should be multiplied, and this done as quickly as possible. There are plenty of Brethren young people who are of the type, character, spiritual stamina, and training to supply the needed additional foreign missionaries. The formula for getting recruits is found in Luke 10:2: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Those who send them. Are you one of those who assist in the sending? There are now about six thousand members of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. We should have many, many more. In fact, our goal should be no less than "every member of The Brethren Church a member of the Foreign Missionary Society." "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8) was never said to a select few. I believe it is God's word to every born-again believer. God honors and blesses those who honor Him and serve Him in the work that is so dear to His loving heart. He desires that all men, everywhere, be saved. The Early Church knew this, and believers went everywhere preaching the Word.

Brethren dollars will follow! I've had a conviction for many years that where Brethren young people go, Brethren dollars will follow. It is the normal thing for our Brethren young people, from our Brethren homes and churches, trained in our Brethren schools, to go to our Brethren mission fields, and that Brethren dollars will support them while they serve in those fields. Fifty of our Brethren churches have missionaries as members of their churches, and very frequently the home church supports the missionary. I see the time as not far distant when every Brethren church will have at least one missionary in the membership of the church, and some churches will have a number of missionaries. At present it takes about 260 members here at home to support one missionary. There are many and much better things for us, I am sure.

Let the Brethren know! I have found that when Brethren know the need, they will respond. We have sought to give full information. I am sure that will be the continuing policy. Brethren have never failed foreign missions when they have known the need and the opportunity. ▼

Russell D. Barnard

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE!

(Note: Although this report is of one church, the Grace Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio, simultaneous conferences were held in the First Brethren Church of Akron and the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, which is feasible with the size of our missionary team each year.—W.H.)

After preaching on the commission of Christ to go into all the world with the Gospel, the Rev. James Renick, leading in prayer at the opening service of our annual missionary conference, proceeded: "We ask Thy gracious help, our Heavenly Father, in view of the nearing end of this age of grace, to aid us to fulfill this commission from our Lord Jesus Christ. . . ."

In these words he voiced the urgent concern which animated the entire week of our conference. There was repeated insistence upon the uncompleted task, the "So Little Time" (this year's conference theme) in which to complete the evangelization of the world, the implication by speakers that some present opportunities may not be ours much longer. More impelling than all else was the consciousness that the Great Commission remains uncanceled, and that the Lord of the harvest still yearns over those for whom "the summer is [almost] past, and they are not saved."

A composite picture of Brethren missionary endeavor was presented by the team sharing in this year's conference. Team members included Dr. Orville Jobson, veteran missionary, recently returned from the Central African Republic; Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, many-termed missionaries from Argentina; and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, from our African field. These were balanced by three couples who have not been to a foreign field as yet but will be leaving soon for such service: Rev. and Mrs. James Renick, set aside for France and Africa, and two candidates for Brazil, Rev. George ("Duke") Wallace and Mr. Earle Hodgdon. In addition, there were several with us for just a few days: Dr. Harold Mason, missionary surgeon from Africa; Dr. Russell Barnard, retiring general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society; and Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, members of the Middlebranch congregation, leaving shortly for Ecuador and service under J.A.A.R.S. (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service), a division of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Together these men and women showed us how vast is the task not only to take the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, but also to tell the millions in this country yet unreached for Christ. The messages stirred our hearts, moving us emotionally at times, but contributing at the same time to a new call to our congregation to service here at home, in the mission field of our own doorstep. This particular field of service was brought forcibly home to our hearts each day of the conference.

By Rev. Wesley Haller

One message used of the Lord in this respect was one presented by "Duke" Wallace the final Sunday morning of our conference, as he contrasted his life as a child and young person with his life now lived for Christ since he surrendered his body as "a living sacrifice" at a Christian camp. Interspersed in this life testimony was a vibrant challenge to the doorstep ministry that is ours. Brother Wallace said, "You have not been saved to sit in a nice, comfortable, padded pew, but to serve the Lord." As he preached, hearts were stirred, and many heard the voice of the Holy Spirit, "I want you." What joy came when over 25 responded to the invitation, being willing to stand up and confess that by God's grace they were ready to respond to His call, not only for service overseas but that they would begin immediately in the homeland to be a "witness." Definite commitments indicated a willingness to put



Missionary choir gives special number as theme glitters in background.

aside ambition for worldly success and to give one's self to whole-time Christian service. And, praise the Lord, the night following, one of our men led a boy to Christ at Christian Service Brigade battalion meeting. God is going to do a real work, we feel, because of this missionary conference, in meeting the enormous need on our doorstep today!

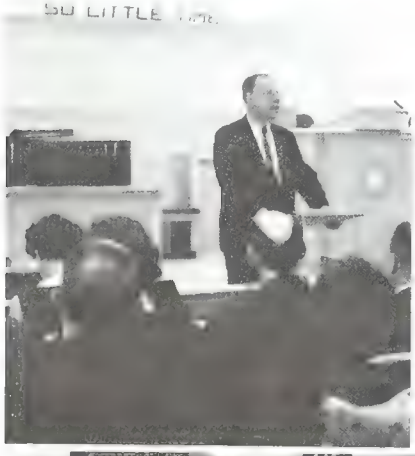
Space for this article is limited. We are unable to write in detail of how the ministry of music was used, of the effectiveness of displays and explanation of curios, or of the book table (a new feature this year) whereby over 150 missionary books were purchased by our congregation.

The climax of each year's conference is the final service, when opportunity is given for the congregation to testify of challenges received and blessings imparted. One young married man testified of his decision during the week to begin training for the Lord's service, believing God had spared his life the previous week in a serious auto accident so that he could serve the Lord.

Every missionary will tell you how much he or she depends upon the prayers of God's people at home. Therefore, in this closing service the pastor challenged his people to pray in a new way for our Brethren missionary family. Pictures of all missionaries were displayed at the front of the church. Those who desired were asked to come and take one picture, resolving before God that this would be *his* missionary for the coming year, that he would pray faithfully and occasionally write to his missionary. How wonderful to see the board picked clean! This indicates at least one prayer-partner in our congregation for each Brethren missionary.

Do you have such a conference in your church? If you do, do you attend each service? Why not consider an annual missionary conference? The greatest mission of the church is missions. Through such a conference your church will be challenged, stimulated to action, and brought to its knees in prayer for the whole world for which Christ died! Praise the Lord for our annual missionary conferences. ▼

Missionaries Hill Maconaghy (below) and Duke Wallace (bottom) were two of the featured speakers.





Dr. Orville Jobson brought his never-ending enthusiasm to Missionary Helpers and adults.



"The Chateau Was Hopping Last Week . . ."



By Christine Laird

(FMS editor's note: Christine Laird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Laird of Arcanum, Ohio, left last June to spend a year with her missionary uncle, Rev. Tom Julien, in France. Christine is a 1966 graduate of Arcanum High School. The following is one of the accounts she has been sending to her home town newspaper.)

The Chateau de St. Albain was really hopping last week! The reason for all the activity was the third annual camp of the French-English Evangelistic Team. The team consisted of approximately twenty young people from all over France and England.

The purpose was, of course, evangelism, but on a different slant that was aimed mainly at young people. The meetings were held for two nights in a tent on the town square in Macon, and the message was music.

Each half of the team worked up its own group of folk songs and Negro spirituals as a whole with trios and combined groups. We were accompanied by two electric guitars (compliments of Andrew Hooker and David Oliver) and a Spanish guitar, played by the Chateau's own Daniel Dutruc.

After we sang songs ranging from "I Believe" to Bob Dylan, Phil Gegner drew some really moving scenes in chalk, and Andrew Orr gave a talk that explained just why we cared enough to come. All in all, it added up to quite a program, and our tent was packed to overflowing both nights.

As for the camp held at the Chateau, well, with 20 young people of mixed nationalities getting together, there is never a dull moment! Even so, there was time for work amid all the horseplay.

A day's schedule went something like this. Breakfast was at 8:30 sharp (although it usually turned out to be 8:45 before everyone was ready), and anyone who came down after grace was said was obliged to sing a solo for us. I still think some people did it just to get in the limelight!

Devotions followed immediately. A Bible verse and testimony were given by two of our members, followed by prayer. "Service" was next, which consisted of various duties such as cleaning vegetables, doing breakfast dishes, and sweeping.

At 10 a.m there was a half hour of silence for us to pray, read, or just sit and think, undisturbed by anything. Immediately afterward came the high point of the morning, a Bible study conducted by Ralph Shallis, a wonderful and truly wise man who knows what he's about.

Then came practice (we did have to sing, after all!) until lunch, at 12:30. More "service" followed and more practice; then we were free until supper at 7:30 p.m. If no meeting was scheduled that night, we had a campfire or played games until 10 p.m.

There were all kinds at our camp. We even had a few mountain climbers! Jonathan, Robert, and Andrew H. were planning to climb the Matterhorn right after the campaign, so they had all their equipment with them.

One day they got it all out and scaled the Chateau battlements. Of course, there were some little mishaps—such as the time Jonathan's rope slipped and he made a quick landing in a patch of shoulder-high stinging nettles! Oh, well, it's all in the game!

After Macon, the team traveled on to Amberieu and Oyonnax for meetings there, and then up to camp at a chalet in Switzerland before going home.

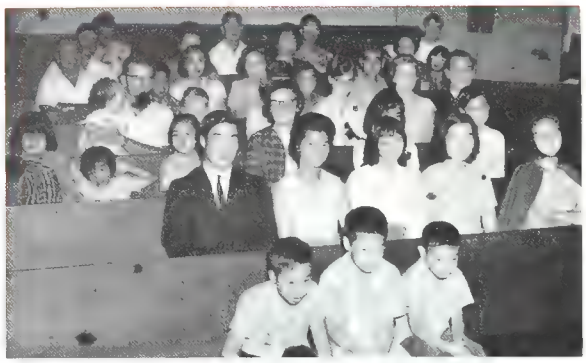
Some of the finest young people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing were on the team this year, and all I can say to them is, "Thank God for youth like you who care, really care, about others!" ▼

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--FMS News From All the World

Hawaii Reports More Growth



Eight persons in the first two rows took part in this baptismal service at Waimalu.

Waimalu, Aiea, Hawaii—Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech report continuing blessings from the Lord upon the services of their congregation. The last Sunday in October found 188 in Sunday school and 74 in morning worship. (A great many children come from Buddhist homes and do not stay for church.) The Sunday school is now divided into 11 classes, and the available space is sorely taxed. Wednesday evening "Hour of Power" meetings are also being blessed, and five divisions are made for the prayer time: men, women, college students, teens, and children. Various weekly and monthly activities are held regularly, including WMC. SMM could not be continued because there was no lady available to take charge; they are still praying for someone.

"We need a church building desperately," the Leeches say.

Africa: Furloughs, Meetings, Lightning

Bangui, Central African Republic—News from headquarters here mentions that several missionaries have traveled to the United States recently: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Miss Mary Ann Habegger, and Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon. Miss Edith Geske, who had been expected to arrive back on the field in early October, has been delayed in her return because of family illness.

The Scott Weaver evangelistic meetings continue with marked blessings. Concerning the meetings at Bouca, Rev. Roy Snyder has reported: "We believe that much prayer went up before these meetings and the Lord had prepared the hearts of the people for the messages, as there was a great response to the messages, especially in the market place. Attendance began at 2,500 and slowly went up to the 3,000 mark. The morning meetings at the church were also very well attended. About one-third of the decisions for Christ were for the first time. A large number of Christians came out confessing sin. There was a total of 1,380 decisions."

Chris Ball, son of the Harold Balls, who met an accident in the summer which resulted in impairment of sight in his one eye, had some more excitement. At the school in the Congo where he is taking high-school work, lightning struck the building. It was reported that Chris was stunned by the lightning and received minor burns, but nothing serious. Again, thanks went up to God for His protecting hand.

Execs Study Declaration of Wheaton Congress

Winona Lake, Ind.—How to implement the recommendations of the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission held last April was one of the areas of study and discussion at the 15th Annual Mission Executives Retreat, held here October 3-6. The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, of which Dr. Clyde W. Taylor is the executive secretary, sponsors the retreat as an annual event. It was attended by 110 mission executives and leaders representing 57 agencies and two colleges. Brethren FMS leaders who attended the sessions included Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Rev. John W. Zielasko, Dr. Orville D. Jobson, and Rev. Robert S. Williams.

Leading the discussion on implementing the distribution and study of the "Wheaton Declaration" around the world was Rev. Virgil Gerber, who served as coordinator of the congress and is currently the executive secretary of the Evangelical Committee on Latin America (ECLA).

Brethren Missionaries Initiate Sessions

Winona Lake, Ind.—Late August saw the first venture of an FMS-sponsored retreat-orientation period for missionary candidates and missionaries on furlough. Meeting in the Grace Seminary lounge in morning, afternoon, and evening sessions for several days, missionaries were briefed on a great variety of subjects prepared to equip them with thorough knowledge of FMS policies and procedures, behind-the-scenes work of the home office, missionary conference presentations, and a great variety of other items. Missionaries expressed great appreciation for the meetings, and it is planned to make the retreat an annual event.



(Photo by Public Relations Dept., Grace College)

Illiteracy Up Says U.N.

Washington, D.C. (MNS)—Recent United Nations statistics indicate that world illiteracy has grown by some 200 million people in the past six years, the Population Reference Bureau here has stated.

This may well be an optimistic estimate. Measures of ability to read and write are ill-defined, the U.N. warns, and the desire of the reporting nations to make a good impression is strong. It is difficult to know how many of those classed as "literate" have any useful knowledge of the essential "R's."

Carlson Memorial Hospital Scheduled for the Congo-- Chosen By Wife, Brother

Los Angeles, Calif. (MNS)—"I am my brother's keeper," said Dwight Carlson, resident physician at Harbor General Hospital, in announcing plans to open a Congo hospital honoring his slain missionary brother, Paul.

Dr. Dwight Carlson and his brother's widow, Lois, recently traveled 2,500 miles through the Congo in search of facilities for their proposed hospital. They found a 250-bed leprosy and tuberculosis sanatorium built by the Belgians in northwest Congo just before the country achieved independence in 1960. It was abandoned before being put into service.

The $500,000 sanatorium is available, but it requires a $50,000 initial investment plus about $25,000 annually to be put and kept in working order, Mrs. Carlson said. They expect to open the hospital in less than a year.

The Carlson Foundation plans to support the proposed hospital but at present has only about $20,000 to use.

Paul Carlson, M.D., who was killed by Congolese rebels in 1964, was a missionary of the Evangelical Covenant Church.



Chad station—home of the Kliever's.

Klievers Enjoy New Work

Baibokoum, Chad—Rev. and Mrs. Jake Kliever are thrilled with the ministry to which the field council appointed them for this term. Theirs is a rather nomadic work as they travel from place to place, living in their well-equipped Volkswagen bus. Their chief work is in giving "refresher courses" to church leaders in out-of-the-way places, who have been without such help for a long time. Brother Kliever describes it as a "home-mission workshop" type of thing, "except that it will depend almost entirely upon Freda and me to be the Doctors Grubb, Etling, Barnard, and so forth, who give these refresher stimuli to the men shepherding churches." Preparation of materials, plus the presentations and teaching, are indeed time consuming; but the enthusiastic, appreciative response on the part of Africans is giving tremendous recompense to the missionaries.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Knowing Your Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman are missionaries on the island of Puerto Rico. They and their two girls, Ruth (at left in picture) and Nancy, have lived there for nearly eight years. Although Puerto Rico is known as a Spanish-speaking land, there are also many people there who speak English. The Brennemans are in charge of the Brethren English-speaking church, the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Summit Hills, Puerto Rico.

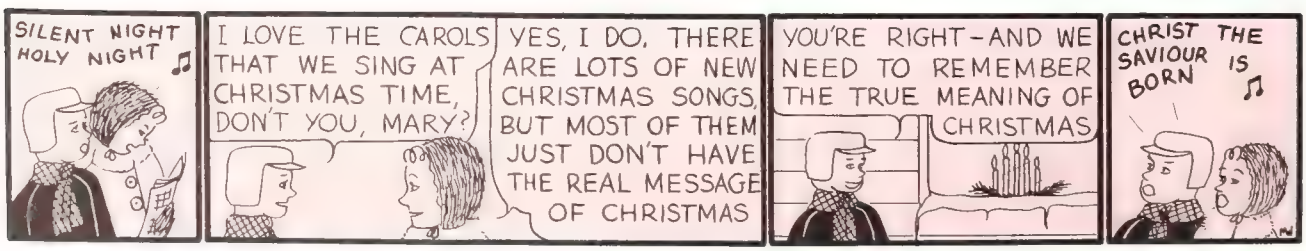




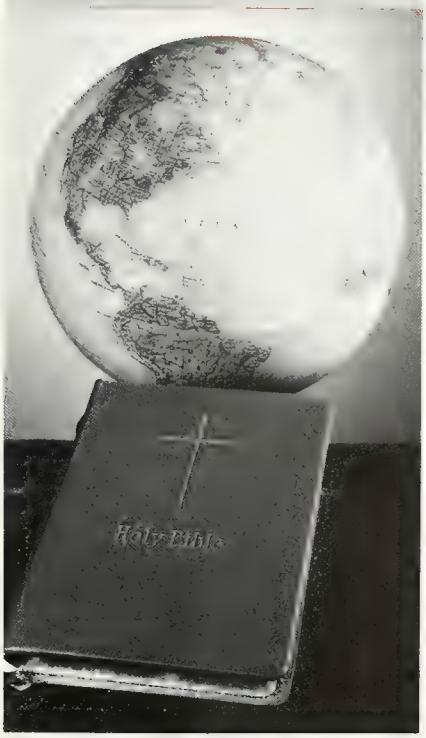
Missionary Helpers

The new Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (Ohio) has a Missionary Helpers Club already. In the big picture the boys and girls are (left to right) Ron Baer, Cindy Fisher, Jim Jackson, Cindy Swinehart, Scott Swinehart, and Carol Forrest. The boys in the other picture are (left to right) Jeff, Rick, and Robbie Louk. The pictures were sent by Mrs. Baer. The Baers are with the Brethren Construction Crew, building new churches, and they have moved on to another location now.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



The Bible: A Missionary Book



By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Recently a layman introduced me in a meeting thus: "I don't know what he will say or what Scripture passage he will use, but I know he will get to foreign missions." That was one of the greatest compliments I have received in my 45 years in the ministry.

This comment started a train of thought. With respect to the crimson stream of salvation in the Word of God, someone has said, "Cut it any place and it bleeds." Is it true that in a similar way we can take any part of the Word of God and, without misinterpretation or violence to the Word of God, come with a few bold statements to the theme of foreign missions? I believe it is possible to do just this. Let me illustrate, using passages at random.

Genesis 1:1—"In the beginning." That's where the Bible writer, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, began. That's where we begin in foreign missions. This God is revealed in Jesus Christ the Son. Most of the world does not know of the God of the Bible or of Jesus Christ the Son. It is our urgent business to tell them; this is foreign missions.

Genesis 5:5—"And he died." This is the dreadful refrain in Genesis, chapter 5. It is the most and best that can be said of some men. Death is a horrible fact in an unregenerate world. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." Only a small part of the people of the world know of this wonderful Saviour. It is our privilege and responsibility to tell them. We have been commissioned for that purpose (Matt. 28:19)—and that is foreign missions.

Isaiah 56:1—"Thus saith the Lord." The books of the prophets make frequent and urgent use of this phrase. It is their badge of authority. There is a God. God is not dead. God has spoken. His final message is in His Son Jesus Christ. His Son Jesus Christ has also spoken. In His great commission to His church He said, "Go ye therefore" (Matt. 28: 19). To do that embraces the very fountain of foreign missions.

Matthew 1:2—"Abraham begat Isaac." Like father, like son. Jesus Christ is the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. There is only one basis of peace with God, and that is in Jesus Christ, God's Son. But how can people know without someone to tell them? And the telling is foreign missions.

Psalm 14:1—"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Modern fools are saying the same thing. Many others believe there is a supreme God, but they have never known what to call Him; they have never known how to approach Him. The great truths about God come only by revelation, and Jesus Christ is the perfect and final revelation of God. Almost two thousand years ago Jesus Christ came in human flesh. And yet a great part of the world has still to hear of His love and His salvation offered freely to all men. To make Him known is our primary business as Christians. For the lost millions of the earth, this is the challenge of foreign missions.

Matthew 27:5—"And went out and hanged himself." This is said of Judas Iscariot. It is a sad story of the utmost in rejection of Jesus Christ. Judas went to a Christless grave. Any other way than the Way of the Cross ends in a Christless grave. It is said that at least 106 people per minute go into Christless graves. There is urgency that we should quickly get out the message of all living souls—that Jesus Christ lives, and He saves. This is foreign missions.

I Kings 16:30—"Did evil in the sight of the Lord." This is said of Ahab, but it was also said of many of the other kings of Judah and Israel. When the kings did evil, the people were led into evil paths. The natural direction of all these paths is down, down to the pits of hell. Man has no regenerating power, no power to save himself. God supplied the regenerating power. That power was revealed in the Person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ. All who are out of Christ are under condemnation. They do not wait until death for His condemnation; they have it already. Billions in the world are unregenerate and, unless something drastic is done, will die in their sins. Drastic action by all believers in the church of Jesus Christ is necessary to warn men of the danger and tell them of the Saviour. That is foreign missions.

We have used only a few portions of Scripture. These are given to demonstrate that any portion of the Word of God yields itself to a foreign mission application. Do you believe it? Try it, pastor, teacher, personal worker.

It's thrilling!
It's Biblical!
It's urgent!

1966-67 WMC "Birthday Missionary"--Marian Thurston

OCCUPATION: R. N.

By Marcia Wardell

A missionary nurse primarily, but also a teacher and leader of girls—this is Marian Thurston, R.N., now in her fourth term on the Lord's field for her—the Central African Republic. Her one complaint has been that "the hardest part of being a missionary is learning a (foreign) language."

As a girl in Iowa, where she was born and raised on a farm near Garwin, Marian loved the outdoors and sports. Her elementary education was received in a rural school, and high school in a small town where there were only 13 in her graduating class. Her only comment about those years is that she "played basketball and softball."

At the time she graduated from high school, in those early years of World War II, public school teachers were scarce because of the great numbers of personnel required in the war effort. Therefore, the year after graduation Marian took a short course at Iowa State Teachers College and was thus enabled to teach. The next two years found her as Miss Thurston, teacher, in charge of a rural school in her home territory. During the second year, however, she began to feel dissatisfaction in this area of endeavor, and she realized the Holy Spirit was speaking to her about serving the Lord. She did not delay acting upon His leading.

Since Marian had grown up in the Carlton Brethren Church near her home, having known the Lord as her Saviour since she was young, it was logical that she should turn to the Brethren mission board; and so she wrote to Dr. Alva McClain, at that time the FMS candidate secretary. In his reply he suggested the value of nurse's training if she were to serve in Africa. She acted upon the suggestion and that fall began training at the Deaconess Hospital in Marshalltown, Iowa, receiving all her training under the government's cadet nurse training program. In due time she finished her course, passed the state board exams, and became a registered nurse.

The next step was a move to Winona Lake, Indiana, and a course in Grace Seminary. During the one year there were also three other nurses in seminary, all preparing for missionary service on the Brethren field in Africa and all working part time at a local hospital. Despite their busy schedules there were many good times for the congenial group. Two years at Grace brought Marian a Bachelor of Christian Education degree. The ensuing year she spent in further training, this time in Minneapolis, where she took a course in medical technology, which, she says, "has helped very much in diagnosing diseases in Africa."



Nurse Thurston beams as she holds two precious little bundles, African twins.

By the fall of 1952 all four of the nurses, who had been in seminary together, were ready to proceed to Africa. (Edith Geske, Mary Ann Habegger, and Gail Jones were the other three.) Together they received French-language instruction in Paris and then went to Antwerp, Belgium, to spend four months in studying tropical diseases. What a joy it must be to such missionaries, who have studied and prepared over a period of years, at last to be on the field where God would have them! For Marian and the other three this arrival came in midsummer of 1953. Even then there was Sango language study to engage in for a few months before they entered full-fledged misionary service.

Through most of her years on the field Miss Thurston has been stationed at N'Zoro, the northwestern-most station of the field, where she has been (and is) in charge of the medical dispensary. She also travels to numerous other points to care for medical work.

After knowing the blessing of almost constant robust health herself, Miss Thurston was taken ill on the field her past term. When no permanent improvement came after many months, the decision was made that she should proceed to the U.S. for furlough one year early. After her return to the homeland, however, the Lord blessed her with a rapid return to normal health. She was able to travel for several months in deputation as well as to spend some time working at the hospital in Marshalltown during her furlough.

Miss Thurston claims she is still struggling with languages. (Missionaries to the C.A.R. must learn both French and Sango.) But the situation probably is not so bad as it sounds. And having returned to N'Zoro this past September, after furlough, she is again "going strong" in her missionary career. ▼

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By Mrs. James S. McClellan

HOW ABOUT . . .
A Teacher's Tithe of Time and Talent?

A few weeks ago we at San Bernardino, California, were faced with the opening of school, and after a whole summer of searching and pursuing every course we knew, we were still short two teachers. It seemed that nearly every other Christian day school administrator with whom we talked had had a similar problem. The fall term at the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School opened with no teachers, even though a nation-wide appeal had been made. Others stepped in and covered the best they could, but no qualified new staff members could be found to teach the three classes there.

This situation gives us some serious things to contemplate. God has blessed the Christian day school movement in a wonderful way. Not only have many young students found Christ, but also the strength of lives built upon this firm foundation from the ground up is beginning to be evidenced. A number of our outstandingly successful young pastors and missionaries are products of the Christian day schools. Could it be that just when the need seems greatest and the results are beginning to flower, God is through with the Christian day school?

We think not. So we are brought to the perplexing question: Where are the teachers for these schools?

Scores of young teachers are being graduated each year from our own and other Christian colleges, but most of them are not considering the Christian day school. Here are some of the reasons we have heard:

(1) *They are interested in going into the public school system* to exert as much Christian influence there as possible. This sounds like a fine ambition. Public schools need Christian influences. But with tightening pressures on local, national and even international levels, it seems that this influence is being rather effectively squelched. The UNESCO, socialistic organizations, and even our own Supreme Court are working against it.

One fine teacher who is changing from public school teaching to Christian day school teaching this year told us, in effect: "In the years gone by, I used to bring the Bible into my public school teaching without any trouble; but in recent years I have had complaints from parents and suggestions from administrators which have discouraged me. I am really going to enjoy teaching where the Bible is part of the curriculum and I can teach it and integrate it into all the classroom experience without fear of overstepping."

(2) *They have a financial problem.* Many young teachers borrowed money to finish college, and they feel obligated to earn as much money as fast as they can in order to pay their debts. Surely this is an understandable motive. With the Christian school unable to compete with the salaries paid in public education, this undoubtedly accounts for the loss of many of our finest young teachers as far as Christian day schools are concerned.

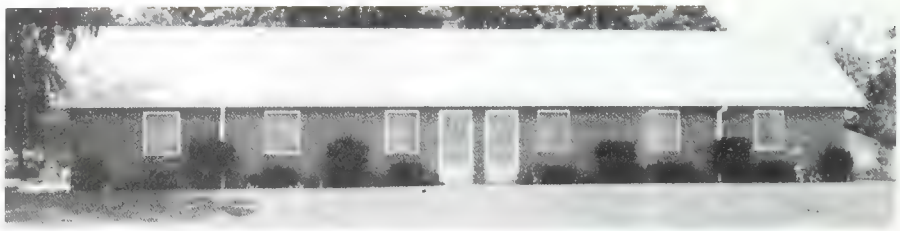
(3) *They have not been presented with the challenge of Christian day school teaching.* They have been led, through lack of specific information, to feel that teaching of any kind is an honorable profession—which it certainly is. They feel that teaching in a Christian day school or in the public school may be weighed and compared in much the same way as the matter of which of two insurance companies one might work for.

Perhaps Christian educators are at fault, or perhaps the church as a whole has lacked vision; but the full challenge of the Christian day school has not been felt. Christian day school teachers should be equated with pastors and missionaries. These men could make more money in other professions, but they are answering the higher call of God upon their lives. To have all our Christian teachers going into secular education in the hope of exerting a Christian influence, while our Christian day schools go unstaffed, would be somewhat like seeing all our pastors go to work in merchandising and industry in order to witness to their fellow workers.

There is a place for a dedicated businessman and also for a Christian teacher in the public school. But there should also be pastors and Christian day school teachers who would discount other values and determine in a life of faith to use their talents full time for the Lord.

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At right: Philathea House for retired missionaries



"The Philathea House Is a Blessing"

(Last in a series of messages to WMC from our retired missionaries)



AN ENJOYABLE CONTRAST

By Miss Elizabeth Tyson

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Ps. 16:6).

As I sit here at my desk in a lovely, sunny room, my heart exclaims a big "Thank you" to all of our dear WMC members and to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, who have made possible such a lovely home. It is such a contrast to my first home in Africa with its mat-covered mud floors, mat ceilings, mud walls, and holes in the walls for windows. However, a woman's touch and skill made even that African house "home" for me, for I was where the Lord wanted me to be.

Neither space nor words are available to tell you how much Philathea House means to me, so I will try to sum it all up in a short, itemized statement. (1) It is comfortable and nicely furnished. (2) It is a place where we can enjoy quietness and peaceful rest. (3) It is ideally situated, for we can have access to the special activities of the college and seminary and are also near the church. (4) We have the pleasure of doing our own housework, which helps to make a home more appreciated. (5) Also, we have the facilities of guest rooms and now after many years can entertain our family and friends.

There are many other reasons why I am thankful for "my home"; just drop in and I'll continue this story personally to you. With Paul's words in Philippians 1:3 I say, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

With the addition of the kitchen unit installed in the utility room, four of our fellow missionaries were able to stay here during national conference and care for their own meals, and also enjoy the home atmosphere of the Philathea House. We all had a merry time talking of the days spent together in service in Africa. They also brought us up to date on the growth and progress of the work on the field. When conference was over we were reluctant to see our guests leave. We missed their laughter and fun but were glad that they, too, had been able to share in the benefits of something our WMC has done for the missionaries of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. ▼

How About . . .

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Surely in the years to come, as we all become more Christian education conscious and as we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the Christian day schools, such dedicated teachers will emerge.

Meantime, what of our immediate crisis? How are we to find teachers to staff our Christian day schools now? I propose to you a possible solution which could be considered:

Across our brotherhood we have hundreds of fine, capable, trained Christian teachers. For one or more of the reasons mentioned above, or perhaps for some other reason of their own, they have not felt led to give their entire career to teaching in a Christian school. Yet, perhaps a cooperative venture could be initiated in which they would donate a "tithe" of their career to meet the present pressing need.

How would it work? A teacher who planned to work about thirty years would tithe this time by giving three years to teach in a Christian school. This teacher would write our Brethren Board of Christian Education, which would serve as a clearing house to send these names to our Christian day schools.

Inquiries may be addressed to the Board of Christian Education, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ▼

Meet Our Districts:

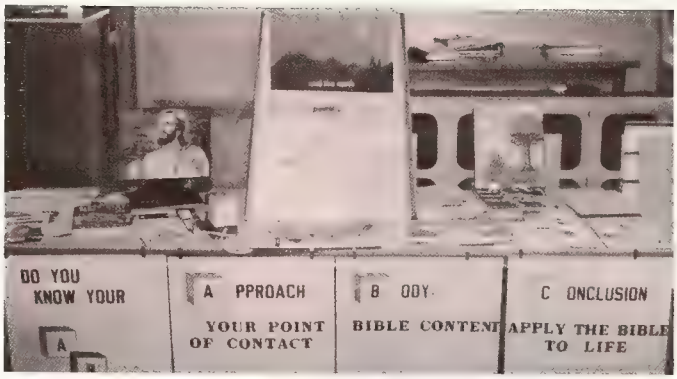
Southern Ohio District Fall WMC Rally



Mrs. Kathryn Burch, wife of Rev. Richard Burch, of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, bringing a special number in song.



The speaker, Mrs. Gerald Towner



A display used in the morning session

The Southern Ohio District fall rally was held in the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. The theme for the rally was Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The speaker, Mrs. Gerald Towner, is the district WMC prayer chairman and is active in Child Evangelism.

There were 95 present for the morning session and 93 in the afternoon. At noon a catering dinner was served in the fellowship room of the church.

The Dayton First Brethren Senior Council won the attendance plaque, having 25 of their 27 active members present. Those having read the Bible through during the year were recognized. The offering for the A.C.T. handbook amounted to $159. We praise the Lord for this opportunity of serving Him through WMC.

Pat Petry, Zella Mohler, editors



Noon hour



The kitchen crew. Left to right are Mrs. Lela Speece, Mrs. Charles Shipley, Mrs. John Shipley, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Paul Screechfield, Mrs. Sam Grice, Mrs. Mary Hieb, Mrs. Judy McMaster, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Huddleston.

Mid-Atlantic District WMC Meets

The fall rally of the Mid-Atlantic District WMC convened at the First Brethren Church, Washington, D.C., on October 20. Mrs. Robert Miller was the guest speaker and presented a real challenge on the WMC theme, "So Send I You."

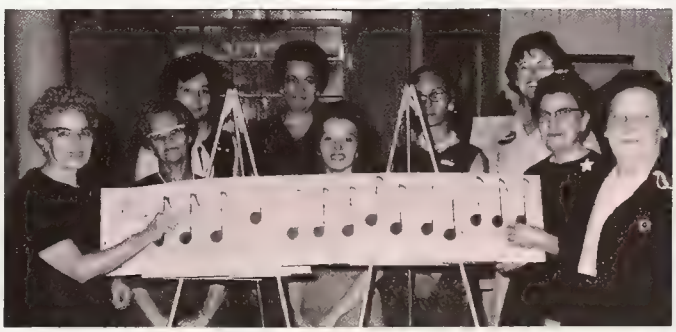
Our district project was to purchase a bassoon for the music department at Grace College. A poster was made using musical notes, and as each council presented their offering they sounded a note for Grace College by placing the offering in a note.

We praise the Lord for the blessings of the day.

Mrs. Leonard Shingleton, district secretary



District WMC officers (left to right): Mrs. Leonard Shingleton, Mrs. Frank Allen, Mrs. Clyde Vance, Miss Mabel Donaldson, and Mrs. Paul Miller.



The project chairmen or representatives presenting the project offering. Miss Mabel Donaldson, right front, is the district project chairman.

A Tribute

to a

Spirited Little Argentine Woman



By Mrs. Clark Miller

He who will not let us be tempted more than we are able to bear—

He whose grace is sufficient for every need—

He who renews our strength every morning—

He who has given us life—

He who sends us forth to witness of that life—

He it is who has proved himself more than faithful in the life of Dona Regina, already an active believer in the Huinca Renanco church when we came here five years ago.

She had been a devout Catholic and didn't want to listen to the testimony of her two sons, who became believers first. But little by little the Word penetrated her heart, and she saw her spiritual insecurity compared with the vibrant faith of her sons. She has become an even more devout believer in the gospel, manifesting her faith in every opportunity, really rejoicing in her Lord. Her enthusiasm is contagious. She is one of those who are present in every meeting of the church, ready with a testimony, teaching in the DVBS and the Sunday school, opening her home for a Happy Hour, distributing tracts and invitations before special meetings . . . and always with a smile. Her talkative manner and spiritual warmth make her a friend of everyone.

But what makes this little woman such a marvel to all who know her is that she has so much faith in her Lord. Few have been called upon to pass through so many deep waters, but the Lord knows His own and knows through whom He can show His all-sufficiency.

When we came to Huinca, Dona Regina's husband had taken her to Buenos Aires for an operation for a malignant tumor. She stayed on there for a series of treatments, and her husband returned to his home. The doctors had told him that his wife had just months to live. Everyone said they were an ideal couple. In a moment of weakness, feeling that he could not live without her, he drowned himself in their backyard. When she rushed home from the hospital, the funeral was over. She was left with the responsibility of rearing her teen-aged daughter alone—but not alone, for she has always had such an intimate relationship with her Lord.

Once a year she has had to return to the hospital for an examination. For four years she seemed to be in good health. But this year when she returned from camp, she complained of a constant pain in her shoulder, then in her neck, and so it advanced.

So back she went to the hospital, where they did all they could for her. There, the days that the pain did not keep her in bed, she was all over her floor witnessing to everyone. Even the doctors shook their heads in amazement at her vitality and faith.

I visited her yesterday in her home. I didn't find a defeated or saddened sick person, but a smiling, lovely Christian lady. When I asked how she was, she merely said, "Oh, always with the pain," and with a little shrug changed the subject to talk of activities of the church.

Humanly speaking she must have sleepless nights when thoughts of the past, present, and future weigh upon her, but her confidence is in the Rock and Refuge of her soul.

I'd like this to be a tribute to a spirited little lady who has a great big faith in her all-sufficient Saviour. Her testimony is a constant source of strength to all who know her. ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Africa—

Jean-Marc Waridel February 1, 1965
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Edward Mensinger February 4
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Edward Mensinger February 13
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Lois Miller February 21
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Mrs. Robert Cover February 16
Marcelo Alvear 703, Bande Norte, Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Linda Christine Burk February 24, 1952
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Gregor David Wallace February 24, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mrs. J. Keith Altig February 25
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

In the United States—

Mrs. Jack Churchill February 2
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

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SKIT

"Ye Are My Witnesses"

Note to patronesses: You may want to use this skit to encourage your SMM girls to witness to others or to present one of the goals of SMM to the church.

Written by Mrs. Ralph C. Hall

SCENE I

(Two girls, Carol and Sue, on the way home from school)

Sue: Say, Carol, how about it? Are you busy Friday night?

Carol: Busy? Me? It all depends. I always have time if any cool guys are on the agenda! What gives?

Sue: Well, I wasn't thinking particularly of the "cool" emphasis but I was thinking of something important.

Carol: Don't keep me in suspense! What are you talking about?

Sue: SMM is meeting at my house Friday night. I'd like for you to come. Could you make it? Maybe you could stay overnight with me.

Carol: I do have a term paper to do this weekend, but just what is this SMM anyway? You're always saying something about SMM. Any boys invited?

Sue: SMM is a girl's organization, silly! Can't you ever think of anything but boys?

Carol: No—to be truthful—what else is there to think about?

Sue: Lots! But getting back to SMM, will you come? We have lots of fun plus some serious things too.

Carol: Such as?

Sue: Well, the aim of our SMM is that every girl in SMM be a living testimony for the Lord. To help us in this we have a monthly Bible study and also missionary emphasis. Then, too, we have individual goals which we work on. These goals help us in all phases of our life. We call them our Mary and Martha goals. The Mary goals emphasize spiritual activity in our lives and the Martha goals relate to the service we can do for others.

Carol: You are really serious about this, aren't you?

Sue: Never more serious about anything in my life, Carol. I wish you'd come Friday night.

Carol: I'll think about it. The church I go to occasionally doesn't have anything like that. Of course, I've never been there enough really to know if they do. But your SMM sounds interesting.

Sue: Good! I have to get on home. See you later!

SCENE II

(The next evening at prayer meeting the girls at Sue's church are discussing plans for the next SMM meeting)

Kathie: What are you having for refreshments, Sue?

Sue: I guess my mother is going to have to worry about that. I'm more concerned about the special music for our meeting. What, or I should say, who can sing or do something for special music?

Debbie: We don't have to have special music, do we?

Sue: You know how our patroness feels about our having a good program.

Kathie: Yeah, I guess you're right. Oh, Becky will sing.

Becky: Me! Oh, all right, I guess.

Sue: I want us to have a super-cool program because I invited a guest!

All girls in unison: Who?

Sue: I invited Carol Clark!

Pam: You didn't! (Pam registers much surprise.)

Connie: I bet she won't come!

Kathie: Oh, you can't tell; she might.

Becky. How did you get the nerve to invite her?

Sue: It wasn't too hard. We were walking home from school at the time. I just decided it was "now or never."

Debbie: But weren't you scared? Just look *who* she is!

Sue: I've been praying and asking the Lord to show me one girl to whom I can witness, and Carol must be the girl. Besides, the

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Operating expenses of the National SMM are quite high!

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girls whose dads are big wheels need the Lord just as much as we do.

Pam: Did she think you were absolutely out of it?

Sue: I really don't think so, although she thought we should have boys at our SMM meetings.

Connie: That wouldn't be a bad idea. Let's ask the patroness.

Becky: No deal—you know what she would say, and anyway it's much easier to keep our thoughts on the Bible study and mission study without *them!*

Connie: Yeah, I guess you're right.

Debbie: Oh, I don't know about that.

Sue: But, getting back to Carol. I really hope she comes. I wish we could witness to her about the Lord.

Pam: She would probably laugh at us. I just don't think it will do any good.

Becky: Remember last month's memory verse—the one that goes something like this—"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me . . ."

All girls help her end the quote: ". . . hath everlasting life."

Becky: Maybe she has never really heard.

Sue: Anyway, I'm going to pray about Carol coming to SMM.

Connie: We'll pray too, Sue.

SCENE III

(Friday night and the SMM meeting is over. Carol and Sue are talking together)

Carol: I'm so glad you invited me to come, Sue. Your mother is a yummy cook, too. I didn't know girls could have such a good time together—without boys.

Sue: Seeing is believing, Carol. One reason we have such good times together is that we all have Christ as our Saviour. We have a definite purpose in life. We don't feel that we are wandering aimlessly in life, because Christ leads and guides us. Carol, I'm concerned that you, too, have real purpose in your life, and God's Word tells us how you can. (Sue reads Romans 10:9-10 from her Bible.) Carol, do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

Carol: I've always believed that.

Sue: Then, do you believe that Christ died for your sins?

Carol: That was the main emphasis in your SMM meeting tonight, and it seemed like it was just for me. You all quoted a verse about believing. Yes, I believe that Christ died for my sins.

Sue: Do you believe that Christ was resurrected from the dead?

Carol: The verse says so. I guess I believe it. I haven't thought much about it.

Sue: Do you see that you're a sinner?

Carol: I've never really done anything too bad.

Sue: God's Word says in Romans 3: 23 that all have sinned, and *all* means you, me, everybody.

Carol: I guess you're right when you put it that way.

Sue: Carol, do you believe that Christ can save you?

Carol: Yes, I do.

Sue: Then, let's kneel down here and tell the Lord about it. (Both girls kneel.) Carol, you really believe in your heart that Christ died for your sins and that He can save you. Now, the next thing is to ask Christ to be your Saviour. Say: "Dear Lord, I want You to be my Saviour. Come into my heart and forgive my sins."

Carol: Dear Lord, I want You to be my Saviour. I know I'm a sinner and You can save me. Forgive me of my sins. Amen. (Both girls rise.)

Sue: It is just wonderful that you received Christ as Saviour. Your life will take on new meaning now.

The End

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Mid-Atlantic District SMM held their fall rally on October 8 at the First Brethren Church here. The theme was travel, and each church represented a foreign field. Their project offering is being used for the Brethren work in Kentucky.

LEXINGTON, OHIO. A new group of Junior SMM girls has been started in the Grace Brethren Church. The average attendance for their first two meetings was nine. They are planning a Christmas party in December for the WMC.

GALION, OHIO. Installation of officers took place on October 12 in the Sunday evening service, of which the combined SMM had charge. Pastor Alva Conner gave a talk on "What Kind of an SMM Girl You Should Be."

FREMONT, OHIO. The Senior SMM has a busy year planned. In January they have planned a "Mother's Night." The girls will plan refreshments and games, and the mothers will be able to view a typical SMM devotional and business meeting. After a study of Brethren practices, a quiz will be given and an SMM sweat shirt will be awarded to the highest scorer on the quiz. A bowling party will be held later in the year. An all-day swim is scheduled for next August. The girls have secret sisters among themselves and have "spiritual mothers" in the WMC groups.

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CHURCH NEWS

HOMERVILLE, OHIO. The West Homer Brethren Church recently burned the mortgage on the addition and remodeling of the church. Over $17,000 was raised in approximately three and one-half years. Robert Holmes, pastor.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. Prof. Don Ogden and the Harmonaires from Grace College had charge of the morning service at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 20. A Thanksgiving banquet was held at the Church on Nov. 23. Clair Brickel is pastor.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Evangelistic services were conducted at the Good News Brethren Church Nov. 14-20. Dr. Gordon Gayle, a missionary to India, conducted the meetings. Marion R. Thomas, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Gay Street Brethren Church was host for the Mid-Atlantic youth rally on Nov. 18 and 19. The annual Thanksgiving fellowship meal was held on Nov. 22 at the church. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor.

BARBERTON, OHIO. Evangelist Dean Fetterhoff held an 11-day evangelistic crusade October 19-30 at the First Brethren Church of Norton. Blessings of revival were visible as more than 250 guests from the community were brought to the services through a special effort known as "Operation Escort," and there were 23 public decisions, among which nine were first time and 14 were rededications. Irvin B. Miller, pastor.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Mr. Arthur H. Rude, architect who has designed several Brethren churches, and an active member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, was elected to the Florida State Legislature on Nov. 8. Because of the need for dedicated Christians in public office, he felt the leading of the Lord to run for the position. Humanly speaking, his chances were rated as extremely slim, partly because his campaign literature declared him first a Christian, then a Conservative, then a Republican. But he won over his opponent by over 10,000 votes! Mr. Rude accepted the Lord in the Fort Lauderdale church eight years ago. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. A five-day Bible and missionary conference was held Nov. 16-20 at the Grace Brethren Church. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A district singspiration was held at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 6. Three musical groups from Grace College participated in the service. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

ALTO, MICH. The Michigan District youth rally was held at the Calvary Brethren Church here Nov. 19. The Grace College "Lancers" basketball team were special guests.

LANSING, MICH. Dr. Harold Etling, director of the Christian Education Department, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 13. A carry-in dinner for the church was held at noon, and workshop programs followed in the afternoon. Randall Poyner, pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The First Brethren Church celebrated their 43rd anniversary on Nov. 20. A musical group from Grace College was featured in the morning services, and a noon meal was held. A special musical program was presented in the evening service. Charles Turner, pastor.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. The Ankenytown First Brethren Church at a special business meeting on Nov. 9 officially changed the name of the church to the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church. Please change your *Annual*. Larry Gegner, pastor.

TOPPENISH, WASH. Rev. Sam Horney, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, has been included in the 1967-'68 edition of *Who's Who in the West*, just off the press.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Clark Miller, Brethren missionaries to Argentina, were honored at a special "welcome home" reception at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 27. An open house was held at the parsonage on Nov. 6. Wendell Kent, pastor.

FORT LEWIS, WASH. Chaplain Emlyn Jones was host to the Northwest District Ministerium on Nov. 7 at the army post here. Meetings were held in the main post chapel.

DANVILLE, OHIO. Homecom-



WINONA LAKE, IND. Those who remember the chuckholes and mud will be happy to know that there are now six hard-surfaced parking lots on the campus of Grace College and Seminary with space to accommodate close to 350 cars. Work has been completed on the black-topping of three lots with an area of 75,000 square feet.

The parking lots are located in front of the Men's Residence Hall, in front of the Women's Residence Hall, west of the gymnasium, south of McClain Hall, west of McClain Hall, and in front of Byers Fine Arts Hall.

All on-campus drives are also black-topped.

ing Sunday was observed at the Danville Brethren Church on Nov. 20 with Sam Justice as special speaker. A carry-in dinner followed the morning service, and the day was climaxed with a threefold communion service in the evening. Edward N. Wingard, pastor.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. A "Night of Music" was held at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 20. Members of the church council were divided into six teams, and a special effort was made to bring persons that would not ordinarily come to the Sunday evening service. Gene Witzky, pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Rev. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind., concluded revival meetings on Oct. 9 at the Clearbrook Brethren Church. Many decisions were recorded. On Nov. 6, Rev. Thomas Hammers from Grace College and Seminary was the guest speaker. Raymond H. Kettell, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A Music Festival was held at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 13. Music and testimonies were featured, followed by refreshments and fellowship. On Dec. 2 a church family Christmas banquet was held. Lewis C. Hohenstein, pastor.

BERNE, IND. Homecoming Sunday was observed Oct. 30 at the Bethel Brethren Church. Rev. Lowell Leistner was guest speaker in the morning service. A fellowship meal was held at noon, followed by a musical concert in the afternoon and the film "The Tony Fontane Story" in the evening. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

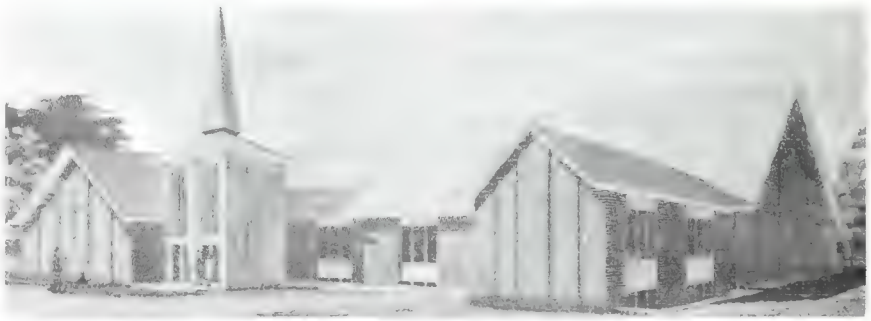
ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. Rev. Robert Salazar, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, is scheduled to leave for an eight-week trip to Spain on Jan. 6. He will be joined in Europe by Rev. John Zielasko and together they will explore the possibilities of opening a Brethren mission field in Spain.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 23 was Dr. John Blanchard, president of the National Association of Christian Schools. The annual Sunday-school picnic was held on Nov. 5. Russell E. Konves, pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. Edwin Cashman, co-pastor of the First Brethren Church of Bellflower, Calif., was the guest speaker on Nov. 13 for the anniversary service of the Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A special "Couples' Work Night" was held at the Los Altos Brethren Church on Nov. 14 to repair and clean up damage from calamities which occurred on two successive days. On Nov. 7 the church basement was flooded by a downpour of rain, and on Nov. 8 a faulty furnace filled the auditorium and office area with smoke, and the heating ducts, becoming extremely hot, charred insulation. Fortunately, the quick discovery of the problem and a speedy response by the firemen prevented more serious damage. Pastor Harold Penrose reports: "Praise the Lord for preserving our building."

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. A "Pioneer Night" featuring the work of home missions was held at the Westminster Brethren Church on



Proposed Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church



HARRISBURG, PA. The Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church broke ground on Nov. 6 for the remodeling and enlarging of their building. Shown above in the photo are, from left to right: Thomas R. Rollason, general contractor; Ralph Hall, Brethren Home Missions Council architect; Russell Weber, first pastor of the church; Cary Engle, Building Committee chairman; Thomas Black, Arthur Stoner, and George Wilhelm, Building Committee members. Other area Brethren pastors who participated in the service included Rev. Richard McCarthy, New Holland, Pa.; Rev. U. L. Gingrich, Manheim, Pa.; Rev. Warren Tamkin, Elizabethtown, Pa.; and Rev. William Tweeddale, Lancaster, Pa. (Photo by Allen Zook)

Nov. 18. Rev. Robert Thompson, western field director, was "Trail Master" for the evening. Featured pioneers, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Hostetler, who will be moving shortly to assume the leadership of two Bible classes at Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, Calif., sang and gave their testimonies. Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A missionary conference was held Nov. 16-20 at the Community Brethren Church. Those participating included Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. Don Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. Al Balzer, Rev. Lester Pifer, Rev. Robert Thompson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag, and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill. Ward Miller, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, will be one of the speakers and leaders on a 34-day Bible Land pilgrimage in April and May of 1967. The American Association for Jewish Evangelism is sponsoring the tour of Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France and England. Full details may be obtained from Rev. Ralph M. Gade, American Association for Jewish Evangelism, 320 W. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill. 60610.

CHICO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church had a homecoming day on Oct. 23. Special speaker was Rev. Phillip Simmons, a former pastor. There were 108 in attendance for the morning worship service, which was followed by a carry-in dinner. Sunday-school attendance averaged 46 for October, 1966, compared wth 18 for October, 1965. On Nov. 16 Rev. Ron Thompson began a week of special evangelistic services with the theme "God's House of Harvest." The church also hosted the Nor-Cal Youth Rally on Nov. 25 and 26. William L. Shelby, pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Rev. Robert L. Firl, pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, tendered his resignation on Nov. 20, to be effective in the early weeks of the new year. He has accepted the call to become pastor of the Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church of Arvada, Colo.

JACKSON, MICH. Special speakers recently at the Grace Brethren Church here included Rev. Donald Farner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Winona, Minn.; and Rev. George Wallace, missionary under appointment to Brazil. Gilbert Hawkins, pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. New tables and chairs, largely a result of a BYF project, have been purchased for the First Brethren Church, and a carry-in dinner Nov. 13 served to initiate them. As a part of a youth crusade sponsored by the church, the Ken Anderson film "Without Onion" was shown Nov. 19, and the surrounding communities were invited. The following Sunday the church young people took part in the morning service and had charge of the evening service. They were also involved in house-to-house visitation. Shortly after arriving in Camden, the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wendell England, were given a surprise shower of food and canned goods. The Thanksgiving union service for the town of Camden was held in the First Brethren Church, and Rev. England brought the address. The Sunday school has set a goal of 150 faithful members.



Chaplain Schumacher holding a service with men of the 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, on the porch of a Buddhist temple.

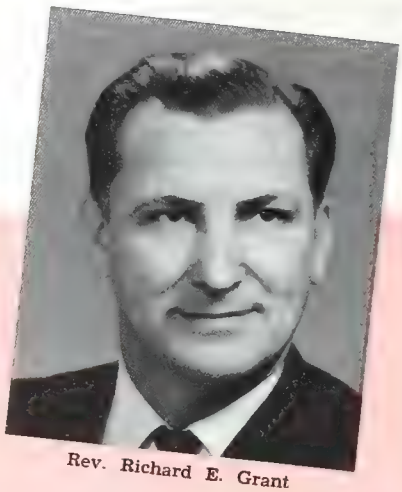
Report From Viet Nam

Chaplain (Capt.) John W. Schumacher reports: "We have just returned from a nine-day mission which took us into the very heart of the Viet Cong controlled territory. The first night we were out, our command section was hit by a Claymore mine. I was sleeping only 40 feet from a man who was wounded. We found three unexploded mines the next morning, which, had they been detonated, would have told a different story. I may well have been in the line of one of them. During the mission we had three men killed and 15 wounded, several quite seriously. I had a memorial service for them this morning, attended by some six hundred men. The presence of the Lord was very near to me at all times.

"I was never afraid to the point of panic, but you are constantly on edge and never rest well at night. We live like pigs, bathing out of helmets, eating C rations three times a day, and a few other things not worth mentioning. I held services in the jungle clearings and in the back of Buddhist pagodas. In all, an accumulation of over one hundred men heard the pure and simple gospel message. During the operation we captured 215 tons of rice, the largest amount of the war.

"I sense a softening in the hearts of some here. I sense a fondness on the part of many for what I represent. My foot is in the door. The need is so fantastic, the opportunities so great, that I could never doubt the wisdom of the Lord in bringing me here. Yet, the heartache of loneliness and separation is an ever-present burden. Only the Lord can give the grace I need each day. If only we could be as faithful as He is!" ▼

We Appreciate Rev. Richard E. Grant



Rev. Richard E. Grant

By Rev. Robert D. Crees

President, Board of Trustees, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Inc.

It was five years ago last September that Rev. Richard Grant left a successful pastorate at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, to become the executive editor-general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. It was with deep regret that the Board of Trustees accepted his resignation recently to become pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

Rev. Grant did a wonderful job and was loved and respected by his employees, the board, and our churches in the brotherhood. His only reason for leaving was the urge in his heart to get back to his first love—the pastorate.

During the five years of his administration the *Herald* magazine was enlarged and was issued every other week in color, with subscriptions reaching an all-time high. Business steadily increased. Our building debt was liquidated and the mortgage burned. Improvements to the building included the finishing of a conference room, building new offices for the Christian Education Department, the redecoration of the home mission architectural offices, and the creation of an additional foreign mission office downstairs. The mailing room was modernized and an outdoor display sign erected for the College Bookstore. In December the bookstore will be tiled, and brand-new fixtures installed so hundreds of additional students can be served.

Missionary projects of the Herald Company included the provision of a $1,575 scholarship fund for Grace Schools in 1966, a gift of $2,500 in the last three years for literature distribution in our foreign mission fields, and the Grace scholarship awards for creative writing. Free copies of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* were provided our churches for visitation distribution, including 100,000 copies of the "New Life" brochure. The monthly *Pastor's Herald* has been an inspiration and help to our ministers.

We thank God humbly for His blessings upon our company the past five years, and thank Rev. Richard E. Grant for his consecrated leadership. Our prayer is that God will richly bless him as he goes back to the pastorate. ▼

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SHAWHAN, Harry B., 90, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio, from the very beginning of its testimony, went to be with his Lord Nov. 7, 1966. Because of failing health and blindness, he was not able to attend the services of the church for the past three years.

Irvin B. Miller, pastor.

STOUFFER, John Waldo, 56, a charter member of the Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., went to be with the Lord on Nov. 12. "Brother Do," as he was affectionately called by his friends, was a deacon, the church treasurer, and a Sunday-school teacher. Services were conducted at the church by the pastor. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor.

SEYMOUR, Elsie, 65, a member of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 12 after an extended illness. Services were conducted by Larry Gegner, pastor.

SIMMONS, Mrs. Inez, was called into the presence of the Lord on Nov. 1 following an automobile accident. She was faithful and served as deaconess, Sunday-school teacher, member of the choir, and year after year as delegate to our national conference. More than four hundred people attended the funeral services at the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Raymond H. Kettell, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sandy Marshall and Charles Hurt, Oct. 29, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Elaine Lloyd and Kenneth Bilger, Nov. 12, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Cheryl Mohler and John Perek, Nov. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio.

Donna McAlister and Clinton Brown, Sept. 16, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Pat Hoover and Jerry Long, Nov. 12, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

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Season's Greetings
from Home Missions and Grace Schools





BY LESTER E. PIFER

Rethinking the Purpose of Christmas

The Christian has increasing difficulty in ascertaining the true significance of the Christmas season. He is overwhelmed by the maze of commercialization and the multitudes of events associated with what has become a mere festival rather than a solemn remembrance of Christ's birth. The world of today gives bitter evidence that it is more interested in an occasion for licentiousness than in the spiritual significance of the Person honored. In such a frustrating hour some believers would throw away the opportunity for communication and give the occasion to the world for degeneration.

But the Christmas season is important to the child of God because it causes him to re-evaluate the events leading up to the arrival of the Messiah-King in this world. The prophetic and historical background of God's dealing with the nation of Israel, His providence and provision revealed in the coming of the Christ Child, and the supernatural manifestation in the events of the birth of Jesus give a wealth of material on the nature, character and plan of God. No believer can read this story without standing in amazement at the magnificence of our God!

The series of events leading to the choice of Mary as the human vehicle to bring God's Son into this world in human form is astounding! That the life span of Joseph, direct heir to David's throne, should converge with that of Mary in the priestly line of Aaron to provide a King-Priest in Israel as the Mediating Messiah is fantastic! That God should bring about the incarnation of His beloved Son by the process of the virgin birth is stupendous! The mere reading of these cataclysmic events causes young and old to thrill at the works of God.

No reader of the Christmas story can miss the true meaning and purpose of the plan of God. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Christmas time provides the child of God with an opportunity for rethinking the sacred story of events leading to the provision in human flesh of our Saviour.

The Christmas season affords a real opportunity for the Christian to evaluate his appreciation for God's precious gift. The apostle Paul, awed by the magnanimity of God's provision for his sin, cried, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" (II Cor. 9:15). The gratefulness expressed here so eloquently ought to characterize the believer's appreciation of God, his manner of giving, and his gift. The lessons taught so clearly in God's giving, the gifts of the wise men, and the reaction of the shepherds should bear a fruitful response in the Christian's life.

The Christmas season affords a splendid time to herald to the whole world the complete story of Christ's coming, His purpose, and the results of His coming. It is no mere accident that through the years this blessed story is a front page item in the minds of the people the world over. This has been true in spite of the onslaughts of Satan, the unbelief of many in the virgin birth, and the bitter attacks of critics upon the Word of God. The Spirit of God, charged with the responsibility of furthering the message of Christ (John 16:13-14), continues year after year skillfully to guide this wonderful truth into the hearts of men, women, youth and children, through message, pageant, story and song.

Give up the annual celebration of the coming of the Christ Child? Never! The children of God need this period for a renewed evaluation of their appreciation of the grace of God and the gift of His love. The children of this sinful world need this time for another opportunity for the Spirit of God to penetrate their hardened hearts with the convicting truths of the gospel. Let the world celebrate if they must—but let us thank God for this glorious privilege each year here on earth which Christmas time affords us to share our joys and our Saviour.

The entire directorate, staff and mission personnel of the Brethren Home Missions Council want to express to each of our readers our thanks for your prayerful support and cooperation. We wish each of you the very best of God's blessing in this Christmas season and God's very best for the future until our Lord returns for His own.

Thank You, Editor Richard Grant

We take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Brethren Home Missions Council Board and staff for the fine cooperation and Christlike spirit manifested by your office in the production of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and every other relationship. Our prayer for you in your new pastorate is for the Lord's richest blessing to be upon you. ▼

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THANKS BE UNTO GOD

By David Hocking, Pastor

The past Thanksgiving season was a wonderful experience for the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. It was certainly an appropriate time for our dedication services, for we have much for which we must thank the Lord. Our minds look back to that first Sunday of services on September 13, 1964, as we gathered in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Forrest in Worthington, Ohio. At that time we were thankful just to have a place to gather together and to enjoy fellowship around the Word of God. We never dreamed that God would do what He has done in this relatively short ministry of a little over two years.

After several weeks in that home, we prayed that God would open to us a larger place. How thankful we were to acquire the Sharon Memorial Hall! It wasn't much of a building, to be truthful, and the Sunday-school space was limited. The lighting was poor and the building very old, but our hearts were rejoicing that God had counted us worthy to labor in this place. God gave us many precious souls in that old historical museum. It still holds a very special place in our hearts. The facilities of that building cost us just $10 a week.

On Easter Sunday, 1965, we met for the first time in the facilities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Worthington. How thankful our hearts were for this marvelous provision from God for our needs! That little colonial church was more than adequate to meet the demands of a growing Sunday school and church. The Lord gave us many thrilling days in that church as souls were saved and lives were changed for the glory of God.

Our thoughts of past victories take us also to the home Bible study classes. What a joy it was to see people hungry for the Word of God! Many wonderful contacts for Christ were made, and souls were won to Christ through the application of the Word by the Holy Spirit.

We also must praise the Lord today for those who have committed themselves to full-time service. Our hearts rejoice every time we remember the faith and love for the Lord in the lives of Jim and Mary Hunt. We first met them in the fall of 1964. Jim knew nothing about the Bible at that time, and Mary had a Roman Catholic background. Now they are preparing for Christian service at Biola College in California.

We thank God also for the Hinks family. Don is now in Grace Theological Seminary for his second year. He accepted Christ back in that same fall season of 1964.

We praise God for young people in Christian colleges who have yielded their lives to Christ. Yes, we have much for which we must give thanks.

The people of Columbus are no doubt like any other population in our metropolitan areas. With all our abundance in material things, there is still a great dearth in spiritual things. Very few know anything at all about the Bible. What a joy it is to introduce these people to the love of Christ, and the power of God in the person of the Holy



Spirit! We have found that there are many hungry hearts among those who refuse the message of Christ. The souls that have come to know Christ come from all walks of life, from the alcoholic to the self-righteous churchman, from the rich to the poor, from the suburban homeowner to the downtown apartment dweller.
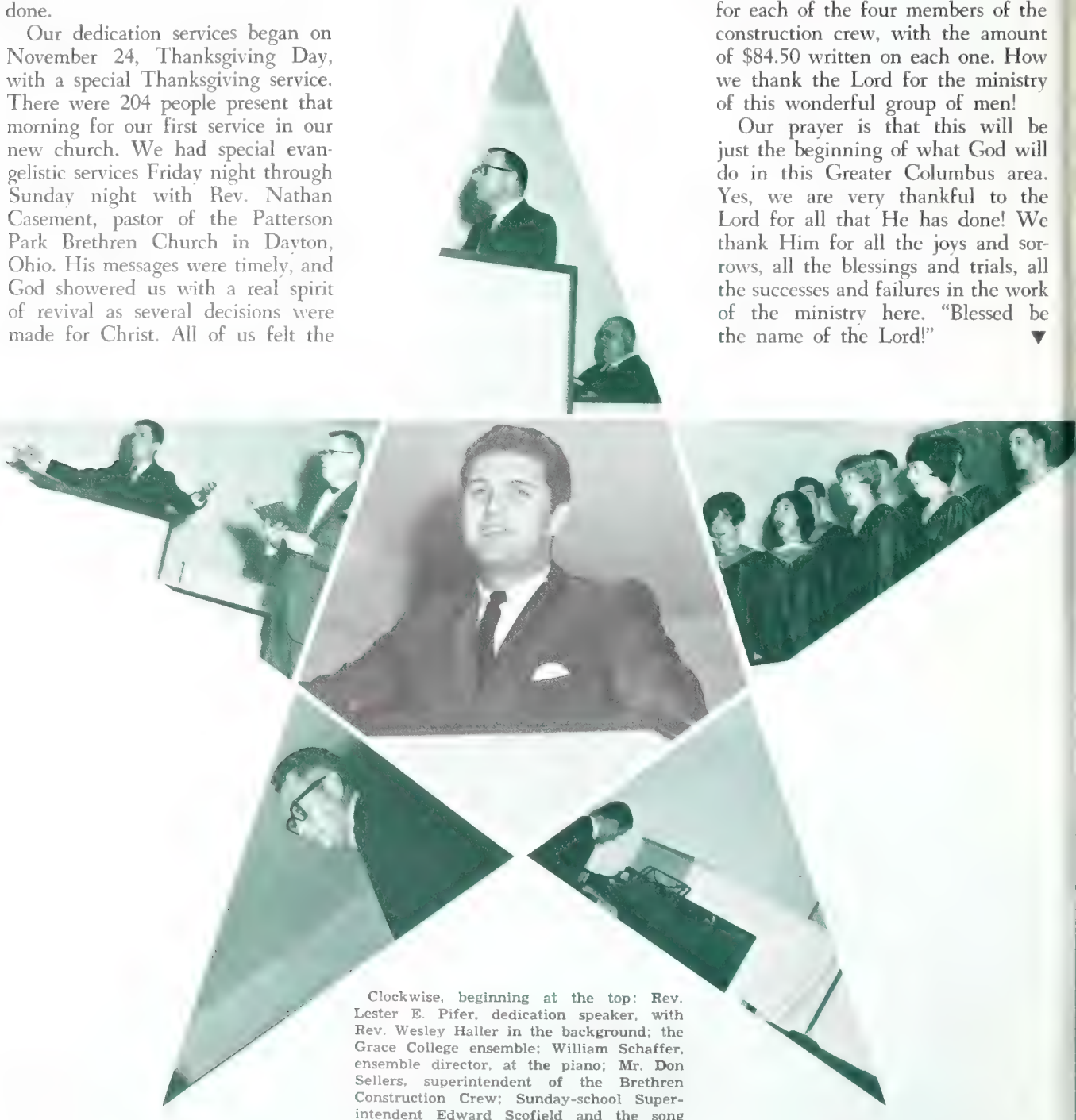
Thus, at this stage in the life of our church, we find ourselves very grateful to God for all that He has done.

Our dedication services began on November 24, Thanksgiving Day, with a special Thanksgiving service. There were 204 people present that morning for our first service in our new church. We had special evangelistic services Friday night through Sunday night with Rev. Nathan Casement, pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio. His messages were timely, and God showered us with a real spirit of revival as several decisions were made for Christ. All of us felt the impact of the Holy Spirit and His work.

On Dedication Day, Sunday, November 27, we set a new record in the morning service of 274, with 185 in Sunday school. A Grace College musical ensemble with Professor William Schaffer at our Mohler pipe organ inspired the entire congregation with their tremendous music.

At the dedication service in the afternoon Rev. Lester Pifer spoke on the dedication of Solomon's temple. There were 270 people present for that service. An interesting item in the program occurred at the presentation of the keys to the pastor by Mr. Don Sellers of the construction crew. Before Mr. Sellers could leave the platform, the pastor and congregation presented him with four checks, one for each of the four members of the construction crew, with the amount of $84.50 written on each one. How we thank the Lord for the ministry of this wonderful group of men!

Our prayer is that this will be just the beginning of what God will do in this Greater Columbus area. Yes, we are very thankful to the Lord for all that He has done! We thank Him for all the joys and sorrows, all the blessings and trials, all the successes and failures in the work of the ministry here. "Blessed be the name of the Lord!" ▼



Clockwise, beginning at the top: Rev. Lester E. Pifer, dedication speaker, with Rev. Wesley Haller in the background; the Grace College ensemble; William Schaffer, ensemble director, at the piano; Mr. Don Sellers, superintendent of the Brethren Construction Crew; Sunday-school Superintendent Edward Scofield and the song leader; and Pastor David Hocking in the center.





Left, top down: Two nursery classes, kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, grade 3 and grade 4. Below: Grade 7, grade 5, grade 6, junior and senior high, and college class of the Columbus, Ohio, Sunday school.























The two adult classes of the Columbus, Ohio, Sunday school



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Operation Escort

"Operation Escort" was the name given to an all-out effort to encourage the members of the First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio, to bring in guests from the community. There were 13 people who began to invite, and during an 11-day period 251 guests were brought to a special evangelistic crusade with Rev. Dean Fetterhoff. On the closing day of the effort (October 30) they had 101 in Sunday school, 96 in the morning worship and 102 in the evening service.

The Lord answered prayer on behalf of Operation Escort and gave 23 public decisions. Nine of these were first time and the other 14 were rededications. A baptismal service was held November 7, and six new members were accepted into the membership on the following Sunday.

Top down, left: Nursery, Mrs. Dwight Stair and Mrs. James Nettleton; first grade, Mrs. Irvin Miller; second and third grade, Mr. Homer Conn; and fourth grade, Mr. Dwight Stair. Right, top down: Fifth and sixth grades, Wayne Miller; and combined youth and adult department.







The Holiday of Hanukkah

By Diane Button

I live in the city of Los Angeles, where my parents have been missionaries to the Jewish people for many years. When I was very small, I learned that Hanukkah was a holiday dear to my friends. Hanukkah falls on or near our Christmas, coming at a different time each year, but usually in December.

The history of this holiday goes back to the time of the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem when the Jewish people returned from exile. They were determined to serve their God with unfailing zeal. Alexander the Great died in 323 B.C., and Palestine went to one of his generals, Ptolemy, who was also ruler over Egypt. Most of the people at this time refused to have anything to do with Greek culture and its idolatry, although a few of the wealthy and aristocratic Jews did become Hellenized.

In the year 198 B.C. Palestine passed into the control of Antiochus III, a Seleucid king. That is, he was a descendant of Alexander's General Seleucus. He permitted the Jewish people to enjoy the freedom of worship. When Antiochus IV came into power in 175 B.C., the hardships of the Jewish people began. He sent his army to Palestine to make the people do as he ordered, to prevent them from worship and from service to their God. He ordered statues of Jupiter established in the Temple at Jerusalem and sacrificed pigs on its altar.

The Jewish people revolted at this treatment. Judas Maccabeus organized the people, and soon an army drove the Syrians out of Palestine. Then they went to the Temple to cleanse and rededicate it to God. When they arrived at the Temple, they found only one cruse of pure oil with the stamp of the high priest still on it. This oil was for the Eternal Light, and there was only enough for one day. The small cruse of oil lasted for eight days—long enough to prepare new oil. This was considered a miracle of God.

Hanukkah—the word means "dedication"—is not really a religious holiday. It is tradition, but references to it are found in the Talmud (the writings of the rabbis). The New Testament mentions it in John 10:22 as the Feast of Dedication. Otherwise, there is nothing in the Bible to support it. Jewish religious leaders try to make it a religious holiday by saying it is a time when "right triumphed over might" and "the spiritual triumphed over the material." Actually, it has become a time of family gatherings, fun games, a little gambling, songs, and festivities —except in the homes of the "very religious."

My best friend is Jewish. Her mother died when she was a little girl. Her father permitted her to celebrate Christmas with a tree and gifts, just as I did. In fact, I talked a lot to Julie about Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. When she was eight, she asked Him to come into her heart. I gave her a New Testament which she read every night and kept under her pillow so her father wouldn't see it. Shortly after that her father married again. The stepmother was a fine and wonderful mother to Julie, but from that time on Christmas was out! The New Testament was returned.

At first Julie wasn't happy without a Christmas tree. She would come down and watch me decorate my tree, and I could see how much she wanted one. Her mother tried to interest her in Hanukkah, and Julie hung "Happy Hanukkah" signs in the window. She made mobiles with shiny blue and silver cardboard. Some decorations came in gold because it had to do with Judas Maccabeus, the hero of Hanukkah. Blue and white, of course, are the colors of the flag of Israel. Later they bought an electric menorah (candlestick) for the window. Each night one more candle would be lighted, until all eight candles were burning, including the shammes, or servant, candle. All others are lit from this one.

In lighting the menorah for Hanukkah, you must light the servant candle first, then the first candle to the left of the menorah. Each night a new candle is lighted, until all are burning.

I think the breathless excitement of Christmas dimmed when Julie had to celebrate Hanukkah. We exchanged gifts. I gave her mine on the first night of Hanukkah, and she brought hers on Christmas. He mother made one compromise. Julie was allowed to receive two gifts on Christmas Day.

Another friend had a Hanukkah bush until he was ten and began to attend Hebrew school. A Hanukkah bush is a Christmas tree without the angel on top (and I've even seen that!). The main thing is: when Jewish children begin to grow up, then they are no longer permitted to observe Christmas. Many of my friends received gifts on Christmas Day, but without a tree.

The first party I attended as a child was with my mother. It was a gay affair. The hostess was a lovely dark-eyed girl named Gilda. She was already in kindergarten and had

learned to say a blessing over the candles. The mothers were allowed to watch Gilda light the first Hanukkah candle and to hear her say the blessing. Then they went into another room to enjoy the food and to talk. We all took a gift to Gilda and also one for the "grab-bag." We sat down at a large table which was spread with a white cloth. The gifts were placed in a large container, gaily decorated, in the middle of the table. We had potato latkes (pancakes) with sour cream, apple sauce, cookies and a drink. We didn't "grab" for the gifts. Gilda, the hostess, distributed them when the game time was over.

The most popular game at a Hanukkah party is "Spin the Dreidel." Dreidel means "top." Dreidels are made of all sorts of materials—paper, clay, metal, plastic—almost anything. Some are hollow, into which money or candy may be inserted. Some are even large enough to contain small toys. When the dreidel is spun, the side falling uppermost tells who wins what is inside. Dreidels of this type are marked with four Hebrew letters. They are N-Nun, G-Gimmel, H-He, Sh-Shin. They are the first letters of the Hebrew *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham,* or "A Great Miracle Happened Here." They mean *none, all, half,* and *put back into the top.* We played other games, too, such as Hannah Says (a version of Simon Says).

Although Jewish children are supposed to receive gifts all eight days of Hanukkah, parents manage to give gifts only on the first night of Hanukkah. After grade school, Hanukkah parties are less frequent.

In junior high school I remember a Christmas season when we portrayed Hanukkah and the Christmas story at the same time. It was a beautiful presentation and no one was angry—not even the parents. I think everyone benefited by such a portrayal.

I love my Jewish friends and try to win them to Christ. It is a very difficult task. If you have Jewish friends, be interested in their holidays. It might make the task easier. They wonder *why* you know all about their holiday when they don't know anything about it. It could mean a real point of contact. ▼

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(A high school student in Los Angeles, Diane Button helps her parents in their work as missionaries to the Jewish people.)



DRYHILL, KY. (Marvin E. Lowery, missionary). The Lord continues to bless in a wonderful way here. Several weeks ago a young man, Edwin Lewis, hung around for a while after the evening service and finally said he could not leave until he got some things "straightened out" with the Lord. He yielded himself that night and has been living for the Lord in spite of ridicule from other young boys. Then last week after the young people's meeting an 18-year-old girl, Ruth Fields, accepted the Lord as her Saviour.

MAITLAND, FLA. (Dr. H. W. Koontz, pastor). God continues to bless us here. We have had a number of "firsts" here in the last few weeks. In October Mrs. Koontz and I ended our first year in the work. On October 30 we had our first baptismal service. Our first communion service was held November 5 with 24 communing. On the following day we added the first members since the organization of the church. The WMC met for the first time last Wednesday (November 9).

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. (Robert Thompson, Western field director). A Sunday school was started in the home of Mrs. Richard King on Sunday, November 20, with 29 present. Three classes were provided on this initial Sunday with plans to add another the following Sunday. The group has been meeting as a Bible class, and the night Brother Pifer and I were there they had 16 present.

TAOS, N. MEX. (Bill Stevens, missionary). We had a group from the Albuquerque Youth For Christ here last week (November 19). One night a Funspiration was held in our youth building with 50 present, and the following night at the rally we had 72. Among those present for the rally were ten from the Indian pueblo. Our next rally will be in two weeks; we are so happy that our young people are interested in reaching other young people for Christ.

LEXINGTON, OHIO (Terrance Taylor, pastor). We had another baptismal service the first Sunday of November and baptized seven people. Our membership is now up to 42. The Sunday evening services have been setting new attendance records with an average of 76 for the month of November. On December 8 a men's Bible study was started. Our property debt has been reduced over one-half and we are now starting to work on building plans.

CHURCH NEWS

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Neil Beery, of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, were recently given a raise in salary and a large freezer. The following week they received a side of beef already cut up and frozen.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, of Grace College, was speaker in the morning service at the Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 18. John Aeby is pastor.

MINERVA, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Glass, of the Grace Brethren Church, are the parents of an eight-pound five-ounce boy, Jonathan Merril. Jonathan was born Nov. 23.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Dr. Harold Etling, of Winona Lake, Ind., is guest pastor at the First Brethren Church during the month of December.

HOPEWELL, PA. The assistant director of the Christian Education Department, Dan Grabill, was at the Grace Brethren Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30. After speaking in the prayer meeting, which was in charge of the youth fellowship, he held a workshop session for the young people. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. The George Wallace family, missionary appointees to Brazil, were at the Grace Brethren Church for the morning service Dec. 11. This church has assumed half of their support. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. Another record was broken at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 6 when the Sunday-school attendance reached 226. Other accomplishments during their fall Sunday-school enlargement campaign included 170 visitors during the seven weeks and 43 new members enrolled. Herman H. Hein, Jr., pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The annual missionary conference of the Calvary Brethren Church was held in November. Missionaries present were Rev. Hill Maconaghy, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams. Several missionary candidates also participated: Rev. and Mrs. James Renick, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hodgdon, and Rev. George Wallace. Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, was another speaker. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

FLORIDA DISTRICT. The first overnight youth retreat of the Florida District was held Nov. 25-26 at the ocean-front Beach Club Hotel. Forty-three young people from the Fort Lauderdale, Margate, and Pompano Beach churches were present, with eight adults. Randy and Evelyn Maycumber, from the Maitland church, were special guests and speakers. The only complaint of the young people, who paid $6.50 for the retreat, was that it was too short.



FINDLAY, OHIO. Special services were held at the Findlay Brethren Church with Rev. A. Rollin Sandy as evangelist. Daniel Eshleman, pastor, writes: "These were the best attended services held in recent years, and many are still speaking of the blessings they received from our brother's ministry." A number of visitors were present each evening. There was one public decision for salvation and three for rededication.

A float entered by the church young people won first place in the local Halloween parade. Pictured above, it consisted of a large revolving pumpkin with flashing eyes and carried the theme, "Don't Be a Pumpkinhead—God Is Not Dead." As the float progressed down the street, the young people passed out nearly 2,000 gospel tracts.

SIMI, CALIF. Hearts were blessed and decisions made as Evangelist Ron Thompson ministered in the last week of November at the Simi Community Brethren Church. Elmer Fricke is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Two weeks of "Good News" meetings were held at the North Buffalo Brethren Church with Rev. Robert Burns, pastor from Aleppo, Pa., as evangelist. There were two first-time decisions and six rededications. The senior young people's Sunday-school class and members and friends of the church recently presented the pastor, Fred Walter, with $980 toward the purchase of a car. Rev. Walter is holding a Campus Crusade Bible class before the evening service on Sunday nights.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. Some 3,000 pieces of gospel literature were distributed by members of the Grace Brethren Church during the Halloween trick-or-treating. National evangelist Ron Thompson is to hold pre-Christmas meetings here. Robert Salazar, pastor.

SELLERSBURG, IND. The third annual missionary conference of the Grace Brethren Church was the scene of two decisions for rededication and service in the Lord's work. Dr. Russell D. Barnard presented the seven Brethren fields as he spoke in six services during the conference, which was held Nov. 25-27. Two films were used: "Mightier than the Sword" and "Dateline: Argentina." Glenn R Coats is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church held a four-day campaign Nov. 27-30; Murl Updike, pastor of the Brethren church in Riner, Va., was speaker for the meetings. One evening the congregation enjoyed a ham dinner followed by a message from Rev. Updike; that night there were 13 decisions for rededication. On Sunday evening, Dec. 4, the Billy Graham film "World's Fair Encounter" was presented. W. Stanley Jensen, pastor.

TROY, OHIO. A daughter, Kimberly Sue, joined the home of Larry and Joy Wackler on Nov. 7. She is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Neely, Troy, Ohio.

CHANGES. The correct telephone number of Rev. and Mrs. Richard P. DeArmey, Osceola, Ind., is 219-674-9661. Rev. and Mrs. Lyle W. Marvin, 2135-96 Little Orchard Rd., San Jose, Calif. 95125. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Snively, Box 3195, R. R. 3, Wapato, Wash. 98951. Please change *Annual*.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FRY, Walter, a long-time member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 12. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kenneth Ashman assisted by associate pastor Knute Larson.

LARSON, Mrs. Hannah M., a long-time member of The Brethren Church, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 2. She was the mother of Mrs. Laura Wagner, formerly a Brethren missionary to Argentina and now the wife of Argentine pastor Ricardo Wagner. She was also the mother of Mrs. Clyde K. Landrum. She has two sons living in California.

RUSSELL, Mrs. Violet, died Nov. 6. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Washington, D.C., for many years. Memorial services were held at the church.

James G. Dixon, pastor.

STONER, Mel, passed away Nov. 20. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, Calif. The funeral service was officiated by Rev. Glenn O'Neal.

EARNHART, Mrs. Lottie, who attended the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Nov. 22. Pastor Ralph Colburn was in charge of the memorial service.

CORRELL, Mrs. Sarah, known as "Grandma Correll" to many of the Brethren across our nation, died Nov. 25 at the age of 94. Services were held in the Community Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., of which she was an esteemed member. Conducting the service were Brethren ministers Harold Dunning, Elias White, and Gene Klingler.

Gene Klingler, pastor.

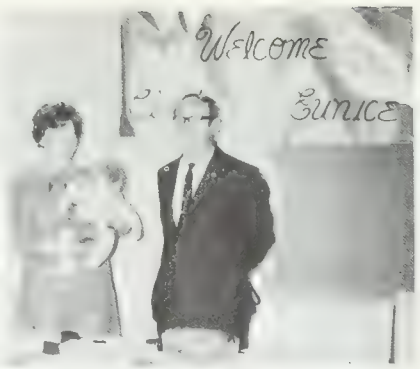
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was the speaker for a week of spiritual life meetings at Miami Bible College Nov. 21-24. Rev. Richard Messner, Director of Development for Grace College, was chapel speaker there on Dec. 15. Eighty people enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner together at the Fort Lauderdale church after a joint Thanksgiving service of the Pompano Beach, Margate, and Fort Lauderdale churches. Rev. Randall Maycumber was the speaker. Special speakers in December included Lester Pifer, of Brethren Home Missions, and Richard Messner.

LISTIE, PA. Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Washington, D.C., was speaker for the fall Bible conference of the Listie Brethren Church Nov. 30 through Dec. 3. Max DeArmey is pastor.

ELYRIA, OHIO. Four speakers took part in the Bible conference celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church. They were Rev. Lester Pifer and Rev. Richard Messner, Winona Lake, Ind.; Rev. Joseph Gingrich, Seville, Ohio; and Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, Hagerstown, Md. Richard Placeway is pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG. Rev. William Schaffer has been elected president of the board of the Grace Brethren Fellowship Village, a home for retired people to be established in the Yakima Valley. Incorporation is in process. Rev. Schaffer is pastor of the Portland church.

WHEATON, ILL. "Then Will I Hear" is the theme for the 1967 World Day of Prayer observance scheduled for Feb. 10. Churches in hundreds of communities across America and around the world observe this special day on the Protestant church calendar each year. Bible-centered worship materials for the World Day of Prayer are made available free of charge from the National Association of Evangelicals. A sample copy may be secured by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Ill. 60187.



WAYNESBORO, PA. The First Brethren Church welcomed their returning missionaries, the Clark Millers, with a reception Nov. 27. A money tree was presented to them with gifts pinned to it totaling $238. The Millers have completed their first term in Argentina and are now making their home in Waynesboro. Wendell Kent, pastor.

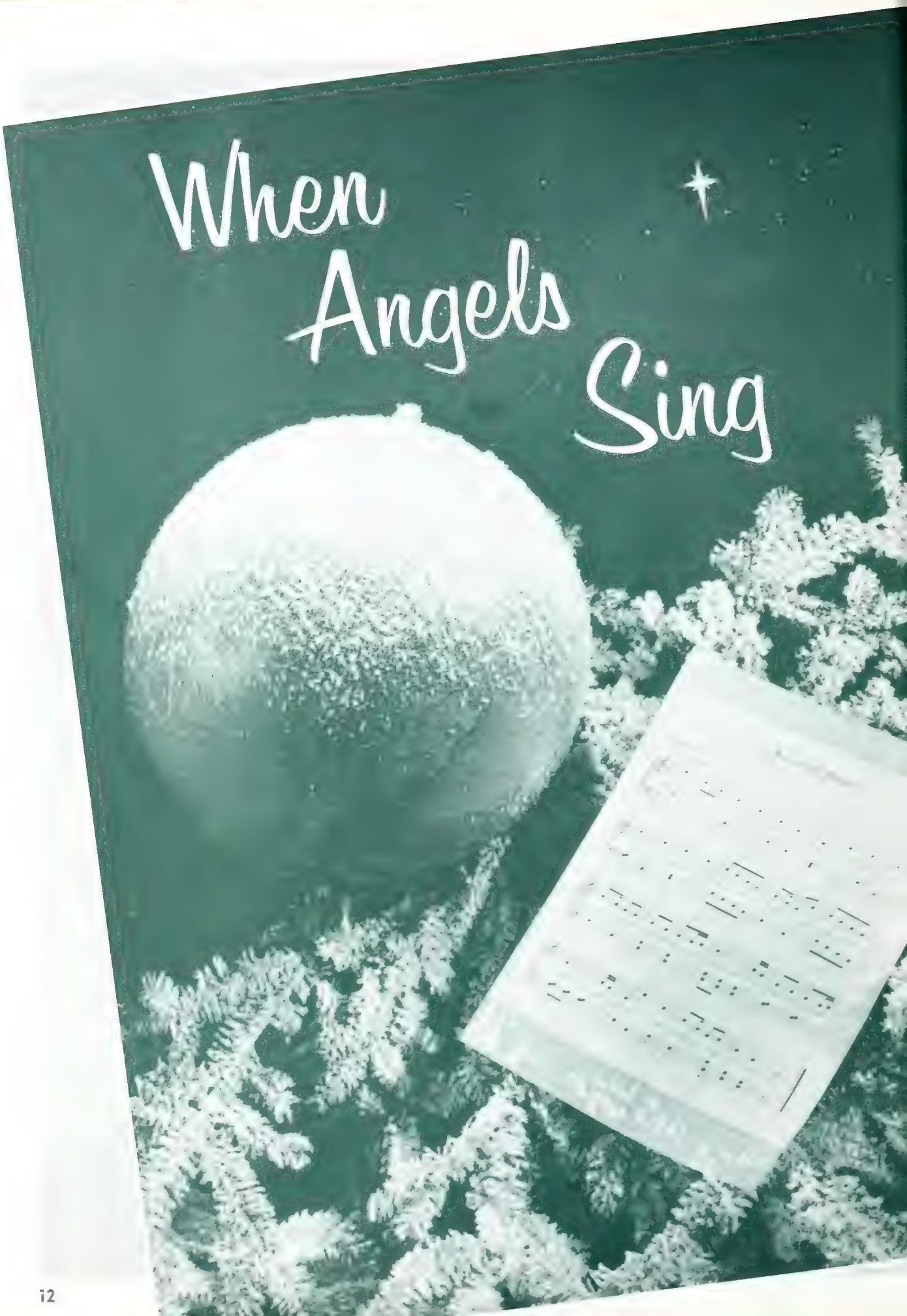
LONGVIEW, TEX. A Bible Lands tour directed by Dr. Paul R. Bauman is scheduled for April 26 through June 1, 1967. This tour, sponsored by LeTourneau College, is to be flexible enough to allow individuals to adjust the itinerary and the cost somewhat to their desires. Additional information may be obtained by writing to: LeTourneau College Tours, P. O. Box 7001, Longview, Texas 75601.

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held special December meetings at the Grace Brethren Church. "Christmas with Christ" was the theme. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Albany, Oreg.	Jan. 1-8	Adam Rager	Phillip Simmons
Des Moines, Iowa	Mar. 12-19	Richard Sellers	Jim Custer
Dallas Center, Iowa	Apr. 16-23	Jim Custer	Dr. H. H. Savage


When Angels Sing

With all the duties heaven makes
For those who serve the King,
What do you suppose it takes
To make an angel sing?

With such great scenes before their eyes
And God's hand on everything,
What untold wonder in the skies
Can make an angel sing?

Do they sing as humans do in mirth
Of trivial things and small,
Or do they sing of heaven's worth
To all who hear their call?

Three times they sang within God's Word,
As men on earth were clinging
To every word their ears had heard
While angels did their singing.

BY REV. WENDELL KENT

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Isaiah heard the first refrain
And knew he was unclean.
He knew his sin to God was plain
And nothing went unseen.

Angels know that God is pure;
He always is the Light.
Their song would have us all be sure
His way will be what's right.

Shepherds heard the second song
That angels sang to earth;
It was a message sought so long—
The blessed Saviour's birth!

"Glory to God," they sang that night;
The time had come at last.
Almighty God had seen man's plight
And revealed His love so vast.

A Saviour in a manger lay;
The shepherds sought this goal.
Let's listen to what the angels say,
That God may save our soul.

The song of Christmas means much more
If Christ is in our heart;
So much of blessing lies in store,
Don't let His gift depart.

A final song the angels sing
Is told in Revelation.
The angels sing before the King
And praise Him for salvation.

If angels love to sing God's praise
And never cease to do so,
Then I'll be wise to match their ways
And sing His praises also!

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT FOUR

By Mrs. Roy Snyder

(Editor's note: The following report concerns the evangelistic campaign which was conducted in the Central African Republic this fall by the Weaver evangelistic party, which included Rev. and Mrs. Scott Weaver, Dale McDaniels, and Ed Lewis, Jr.)



Left to right: Rev. Scott Weaver, Pastor Pounoukoussara, Rev. Roy Snyder, Dale McDaniels, and Ed Lewis, Jr.

The schedule is the same each week. Meetings start each Tuesday at 4 p.m. and continue through the week until Sunday noon. Then the team has Monday and Tuesday for getting some clothes washed and traveling to the next meeting place (one trip was 500 miles). The schedule is tight, especially since the roads are so bad. The rainy season has been a long one, and the roads are muddy and full of holes and ruts. One must travel slowly for the sake of the vehicle.

The team is now in its eighth week of meetings. Just one more remains—in the capital city of Bangui. We had the privilege of being with them at Bouca for the third week of meetings. Posters announcing the meetings were placed everywhere—in the town and throughout the district. Everyone talked about the "big" meeting; but most of all they prayed and prayed and prayed! Some of the organizations, such as the women's group and the youth groups, paraded through the villages singing and inviting folks to the meetings. And they came! By bus, by truck, by bicycle, and, most of all, on foot!

The 4 p.m. meetings were held in the town market place, where 3,000 people gathered each evening. There was some confusion about selling songbooks the first evening, but afterwards the "Men of the Gospel" (laymen's group) took over and things were well organized.

Ed and Dale played their guitar and accordion for twenty or thirty minutes each evening as the people streamed in. It was interesting to watch them coming from every direction; some carried chairs, stools, boxes, benches, or children. Pastor Pounoukoussara conducted a lively song service. Ed and Dale sang in the Sango language, which astonished and pleased the people. There were special numbers from groups who had walked in from twenty-five to thirty miles away.

Then everyone sat quietly to hear the Word of God preached by Evangelist Weaver and interpreted by Roy. The loud-speaker made it possible for everyone to hear—Arabs as they sat around the market place (the mayor of Bouca is an Arab, and he was there each evening), storekeepers standing in the doorways, and anyone passing by.

God's Word is still the power of God unto salvation, and He used that Word in many hearts. When the invitation was given each evening, people came by the hundreds. (About 1,350 made decisions that week, about one-third of which were first-time decisions.) The pastors took groups of ten for counseling afterwards.

A 5:30 prayer meeting was held each morning, and the church, with seating for 1,000, was filled. Then there were evangelism classes at 8:00 for the Christians, with the men taught by Rev. Weaver and the women by Mrs. Weaver.

We visited Bouca just one month later, and the revival was continuing. The church is packed each Sunday, and many decisions are still being made. Prayer meetings and converts classes are well attended. The revival went back to the bush villages with those who attended. Increase in attendance and interest is reported in many places. Just one note of sadness—the former pastor of the Bouca church, Abraham, for whom many have been praying, stepped out at the meeting, confessed his sin, and asked to be received as a brother. But his decision does not appear to be real. Continued prayer is requested for him.

The revival meeting at Bouca is still referred to as the "big meeting." Dates and events are referred to as before the big meeting or after the big meeting. We give all praise and glory to the Lord for His working in Bouca. Reports from the other seven meetings indicate many decisions and blessings as well.

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Ps. 85:6). ▼

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Merna Irene Roberts and Donald L. Redmond, Oct. 15, Denver Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.

Joann Marie Baker and Thomas Eugene Cross, Nov. 20, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Sandra Bridgman and Jobob Boss, Nov. 25, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Marilyn Deane Seal and Richard Charles Foster, Dec. 10, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the students of both schools as they take final exams for the first semester.

PRAY for God's selection of students for the second semester, which begins January 23.

PRAY that the Grace Bible Conference, which begins January 30, will make a forceful spiritual impact upon the student bodies.

PRAY that the 30th anniversary of Grace Seminary may be a fruitful year of reflection and rededication.

PRAY that there may be a definite spiritual atmosphere on the campus during 1967.

EVANGELISM

PRAY that on Evangelism Sunday, February 26, there will be a response in giving so that this great ministry can continue to expand.

PRAY for Evangelist Ron Thompson as he conducts meetings in Gardena and San Diego, California.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he has crusade meetings in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, and Pompano Beach, Florida.

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, as he has soul-winning conferences and promotes the ministry of the Board of Evangelism.

CHAPLAINS

PRAISE God for the report by Chaplain John Talley of over sixty decisions among men to whom he is ministering. Pray that these men may go on with the Lord in their decisions.

PRAISE God for safety for Chaplain John Schumacher in recent encounters of his unit with the Viet Cong. Praise the Lord also for the many opportunities he has for witnessing to his men.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Christian bookstores now being operated on several fields, and for the establishment of more of these this year.

PRAY for the missionary children and for the peculiar responsibilities of the parents in bringing them up on the mission field.

PRAY for the national Christians, especially the newer converts, that they may be faithful to the Lord and strong in their witness for Him.

PRAY for the students and faculties of the Christian schools of our various fields, and for the planning for the future in this vital area of missionary activity.

PRAY for God's protecting hand upon missionaries on furlough and staff personnel as they will be traveling a great deal in conference work this month and for several months ahead.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the good year of blessing from our Lord in this missionary ministry in the year of 1966.

PRAY for an increase in subscriptions to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* in order that more of our people might read of the wonderful things being done for our Lord in The Brethren Church.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the debt reduction in 1966, and pray for its payment in full in 1967.

PRAY for the continued support in 1967 of new district mission projects also being assisted by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

PRAY for the changes in home-mission pastorates at Gardena, California and Arvada, Colorado.

PRAY for Maitland, Florida, Lexington, Ohio, and Kent, Washington, now in the process of preparing building plans.

PRAY for a greater participation of Brethren in Brethren Home Missions in 1967.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for workers training classes now being conducted in many churches.

PRAY that the National Youth Week emphasis may make a real impact on the lives of all young people of our churches.

PRAY that the Sunday-school workers may make 1967 a year of personal dedication to their total task.

PRAY that the inspiration of Brigade Conference, held at Grace College, may continue in the lives of the young men.

PRAY that each Sunday school may undertake its share of the financial budget of the Christian Education Department.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the 24 new SMM's that have been started since national conference.

PRAY that these new organizations will grow into mature SMM's.

PRAY that God will give wisdom and insight to the national officers as they work on a completely new SMM handbook.

WMC

PRAY for a greater desire in the heart of every WMC member to be a witness and a soul winner in her own community.

PRAY that every local council will endeavor to enroll every available woman in WMC.

PRAY for the women's work in all of our foreign mission fields. Pray that the national WMC ladies will assume diligently the leadership in their local women's works and encourage others to serve the Lord through the various programs planned for the women.

PRAISE the Lord for the five missionary women being supported by our WMC this year. Pray for them in their respective fields and for wisdom and guidance for each.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the past good year in the laymen's work, and for those many men's groups who have a real ministry in their local church.

PRAY for the laymen who will be taking part in the church services on Evangelism Sunday in February, that they will be a real blessing to our people.

GRACE BULLETIN

JANUARY 1967



Homecoming Queen Reigns at Grace

1966 GRACE COLLEGE HOMECOMING QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS

Back row, left to right: Vivian Mohler, senior, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Horace H. Mohler, Trotwood, Ohio; Beth Pifer, queen, senior, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Pifer, Winona Lake, Indiana; Wendy Gallaher, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gallaher, Lake Isabella, California. *Front row, left to right:* Sondra Preda, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian A. Preda, North Canton, Ohio; Jeanne Foote, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Foote, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mary Leidy, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Leidy, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College



Library Construction Under Way

The ground-breaking service of September 14 for the library has at last culminated in the work of excavation. This task has been completed, and the work of putting in footers and foundation is under way. It is sincerely hoped that this part of the construction will be finished before cold weather brings the work to a halt. When the weather breaks in the spring, the work of raising the superstructure can begin in earnest.

A building of this size will take considerable time in construction. It is expected that it will extend over a period of two years. This means that it cannot possibly be finished before the fall of 1968. We do hope that it will be completed by that time. Pray for the whole operation, that everything will work out just right to bring this task to completion without any delays or disturbances from any source.

Funds Are the Chief Item

At this point in the fund-raising program approximately $154,507 has been raised in cash and pledges, $83,323 of this amount being in cash. It is a long way from this amount to $650,000, which covers the cost of the building and the equipment. But we are trusting the Lord that there will be a steady inflow of money over these next two years, so that the necessary finances will always be available just at the time we need them for further progress on the building.

It appears at this juncture that the Lord may have it in His plan to uphold the financial structure of the country for some time to come, and this can well be His seal of approval upon the undertaking in which we are now engaged and the time we have chosen to undertake it. It is therefore for us to buy up the opportunity and make the most of these good times for the glory of the Lord.

At this end, every effort is being made to conserve on expense and yet erect a building that will be beautiful, economical, functional, and serviceable for years to come. Prices have gone up at least 15 per cent over the past year and a half since the original estimate of cost. But we still think we can erect this building for the original estimate by using our own construction crew. Pray with us to that end.

Government Funds Aid Students

In 1959 the first government legislation provided for loans to students, and Grace College availed itself of this help. A vast number have been encouraged to stay in school and many have already graduated as a result of this aid. The government legislation of 1965 provided any number of other areas for helping students, such as grants and work-study scholarships. Grace College also joined in this to help students. Since 1959 almost $400,000 of government funds has gone to help students through college. If this source of funds had not been available, there is some question whether it would have been possible for some four hundred students to have continued in school.

In this present 1966-67 school year approximately 150 are getting help from federal funds to the amount of about $100,000. This amount encourages these students to raise another $150,000 to cover the remainder of their tuition, fees, and services, for a grand total of $250,000. If it were not for this help, there would very likely be a loss of these students to the school in addition to the $250,000. This entire amount or any major fraction of it would create an immediate financial crisis in Grace Schools.

This situation should make clear to any person that Grace Schools is struggling for existence. The school is determined not to accept any funds that would limit its freedom to fulfill its original and underlying spiritual purpose. It has therefore rejected federal funds for capital investment in facilities, for this would bind the school over a period of years, anywhere from twenty to forty, with no possibility of its extricating itself from this predicament.

But federal funds used for current operations, though reaching the school through the medium of tuition, fees, and services paid by students, are utilized because this arrangement could be canceled immediately if some peril arose. This would create a crisis in current operations, but at least it would leave us free to do as we felt best.

If the church could provide Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary with another $150,000 over and above the present annual church gift, it might be possible to dispense entirely with the use of federal funds for aid to students. Anyone who may be able to provide the answer to this vexing problem will be given an audience with the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Consistency a Jewel

There may be those who question seriously the validity of the claim that Grace has rejected federal funds. On that point it must be said that this claim is true only of funds for the erection of buildings. From the moment provision was made for aid to students, Grace has accepted such funds for them. In this area there is no limitation upon our freedom, and if such freedom were threatened, then the school would immediately cancel the arrangement. ▼

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Former General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

In Foreign Missions

"Grace Graduates Have Made Good . . ."

There are 67 missionary family units in the personnel of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Only nine of these units were in service on the foreign field before Grace Schools came into being. In 54 of the units, either one or two members of the family are alumni of Grace Schools. Some who were not privileged to attend these schools have expressed the desire that they might have done so. This is probably the greatest possible testimony to Grace Schools' impact on Brethren Foreign Missions.

It is also true that a large number now serving with other foreign mission agencies received training in Grace Schools. And some of these are in places of responsibility in these missionary organizations.

What has caused this impact? First, it is the very careful adherence to the Bible as the Word of God. The Bible is a missionary book, and just to teach the Bible carefully and consistently will give a missionary impetus.

The active unit of the World Missions Fellowship and its annual missions conference helps greatly, as does the array of foreign missions speakers in class and chapel periods. In recent years some excellent missions courses have been offered in both the college and the seminary.

The high scholastic emphasis and the warm spiritual tone of Grace Schools are helpful to the work of foreign missions. Many workers who have already served for a number of years on the mission field come to Grace for further training; in a number of cases they come to earn higher degrees, thus preparing them to do greater things for the Lord in foreign lands.

Brethren Foreign Missions is in an expanding program. In the "Decade for Decision," the ten-year period ending with our Diamond Jubilee in 1975, we will need at least fifty additional missionaries. But this number is a minimum; we should, in fact, double our present missionary personnel. From whence shall we secure these missionaries?

If we are to have Brethren missionaries, Brethren people will need to supply them and train them. It is true that we will receive a few from other sources. However, for the larger percentage of the recruits we will need to look to our Brethren churches as the source and to Grace Schools for the training.

Grace graduates have made good in our mission fields. This is the greatest test the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society can make. Naturally, in various cases the specialists in our mission fields have taken necessary courses at other places, but for the basic training of the average missionary we will continue to look to Grace Schools.

In anticipation of the acceleration in Brethren Foreign Missions during the Decade for Decision, we will need to look to Grace Schools for expansion in the missions courses offered. Soon there should be opportunity given for a minor in missions and later for a major in that subject. Probably no other one thing would attract more students of high spiritual quality.

Presently, more than forty-five thousand believers are members of Brethren churches in foreign lands. Add these to the large number of members in other fellowships as a result of missionaries trained in Grace Schools, and you will find this all speaks very loudly of the impact Grace Schools has made on foreign missions. ▼

Dear Mom & Dad:

The incoming freshmen, as a whole, appear to be really "on fire" for Christ, and they have been heading up weekly prayer meetings for *all* students on campus. We need prayer to insure that these meetings do not become merely emotional outlets for students, but that the decisions made and the enthusiasm created may be channeled into effective service for the Lord.—Joyce Boswell, Sr., Kansas City, Mo.

I'm overjoyed with the change in spirit and attitude which has come about on our campus this year. It's amazing how many are once again "enthused" in doing God's work rather than fighting in disobedience. As you recall, there were students who accepted Christ as Saviour this fall, and now they are steadily growing in Him. Many others too have rededicated and renewed their lives for the Lord's service wherever He calls.—Ed Cole, Soph., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

We had a revival in our own hall, and around five decisions were made, one of them being mine. I have never seen the Lord work this way before. He is answering every prayer. It has changed my life and I have never been happier.—Dean Streit, Fr., Wooster, Ohio

Shortly after coming to Grace, I became aware of the impact that Christ can make in the lives of young men and women. Contrary to some new theories, God is not only alive, but He can and will live in the heart of anyone who will put his faith in Him.—Gary Garber, Fr., Englewood, Ohio

Young people are looking for security and purpose in their lives; and as a senior at Grace, I was no different. Christ gave me security and purpose, but without total commitment to Him it was impossible for Christ to make these things a reality in my life. This fall I gave every aspect of my life to the Lord. He has given me peace and joy such as I had never known before.—Joan Herr, Sr., Waukee, Iowa

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Ps. 85:6). This has been my prayer, along with my sister, this past summer. I am sure this has been the prayer of many other students, also. The Lord saw fit to answer our prayer this fall. We, the students of Grace College, have been able to see the hand of the Lord working among us through this revival. Pray that this revival may be genuine and full of the Holy Spirit.—Norman Schrock, Fr., Waterloo, Iowa

I could tell you so much about this last year of college for me already. Our prayers are being answered so wonderfully as to a campus revival. It is a thrilling experience to witness students coming to know the Lord for the very first time—those you thought already were Christians—your acquaintances and your best friends. The Lord is really working. I can feel it personally because He began revival in my own heart the very first weeks of school. Now I actually have the right to pray for others, and you know, I have seen many answers already! This just proves to me that God works in His own time and in His own special way. . . .—Sue Braucher, Sr., Stow, Ohio

Running from God was like stumbling down a blind alley littered with empty worldly thrills, never daring to look back because I knew I needed what I was running from. Still, I kept running. Now, thanks to the prayers of my parents and friends, and the influence of a wonderful Christian school, Grace College, I ran into a brick wall and had to turn around and look full into the forgiving, compassionate face of my Master. I knew then that I had to yield my life fully and completely to Him. I run blindly no more; I simply walk step by step in the secure and steadfast footsteps of my guide—the Lord Jesus.—Linda Ashman, Jr., Wooster, Ohio

I'm in love . . . with the Egyptians and Greeks. . . . Prof Snider is the best teacher I ever had. The spiritual life here on the campus is really sharp. I've been attending the South American prayer fellowship. Things are really great here—I love every minute of it.—Barb Hobert, Fr., Dalton, Ohio

Something tremendous is happening out here, and praise the Lord that I'm part of it. A revival has started here. We really can't explain it—except that it's the Holy Spirit. There's no other explanation. So far, one fellow has been saved and there have been well over a dozen rededications of life. We feel that we have something here which will not be confined to Grace College.—Glenn Firebaugh, Fr., Wooster, Ohio

Does chapel produce a

Pietistic Hangover?

By Arnold R. Kriegbaum
Dean of Students

The very thought of a daily chapel service in a liberal arts college discipline connotes to many present-day educators a Puritanic or pietistic hangover.

On the contrary, required attendance at daily chapel in a Christian college is an integral part of the philosophy of Christian education.

Daily chapel is considered important to the educational philosophy of the Christian college because the chapel program provides the spiritual climate where all the academic disciplines may be considered by both the students and the faculty. A committee carefully plans the chapel services for the year so as to include the academic, the social, the moral, and the spiritual. Having achieved in their various areas of human sciences and having studied the Bible, the chapel speakers, with theological accuracy, deal with the subjects assigned.

In the classroom, the scientific facts based on eternal truth and the philosophical and biological theories of men are mastered. In the chapel, the educational process continues as this knowledge is related to life with its personal implications and responsibilities.

College chapel is not in the framework of piestic fear but in the context of twentieth-century Christian philosophy of education. If this impact results in practical Christian faith and living, dare chapel be called a pietistic hangover?

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, recently stated, "I am more concerned about disregard for law than anything else—the lack of discipline. I know some of our intelligentia are not in favor of discipline." The greatest contributing factor to our sociological and psychological problems today stems from the lack of sane, constructive, consistent discipline in the home, and precept must be backed up by example. The Lord Jesus in the Great Commission commanded His disciples to "go . . . and teach (lit., disciple) all nations." Disciple comes from the Greek root meaning discipline.

While students need to learn that the Christian life is not simply following a code of "Thou shalts" and "Thou shalt nots," on the other hand, the Christian life—from beginning to end—involves discipline. Paul declared, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (I Cor. 6:12; 10:23).

Chapel attendance is required in a Christian college because of lasting benefits. Students and graduates have stated that the daily chapel proved to be the highlight of their college day as chapel focused all their academic pursuits on the person of Jesus Christ.

The secular philosophy of education is man-centered, whereas the Christian philosophy of education is Christocentric.

If the chapel program of the Christian college contributes to a Christ-centered life in the student, then is required attendance a pietistic hangover?

According to the October, 1966, issue of *Moderator* magazine, suicide ranks second to accidents as the greatest cause of death among college students. The article predicts that one thousand college students will take their lives this year in the United States, while another nine thousand will try to do so.

On the secular campus the explanation would be an inadequate mental health service and the lack of sufficient numbers of psychologists and psychiatrists. Yet the average state school will have from one to a dozen or more devoting full time to this type of work.

Constant academic pressures of higher education are mounting. Competition for entrance to and continuance in college keeps the student under emotional tension. Moral standards are constantly being questioned to meet the present-day demands for freedom of the individual.

As the answer to these pressures, the Christian philosophy of education has an advantage over that of secular education. The fact that man is a spiritual being cannot be ignored, for he was so created. In the Christian college every effort contributes to the integration of Christian truth with the academic.

In secular education the theory prevails that one is not "open minded" unless he believes in the constant flux in all things. Those who most frequently contend for this theory are "open minded" toward everything except spiritual truth. Such a dangerous philosophy is the outgrowth of a pragmatic attitude which infers that there are no absolutes and that God is dead.

The Christian believes that there are absolutes and that all of these are found in the person of Jesus Christ and the infallible Word of God, the Bible. This firm conviction is the heart of Christian education.

The chapel service is not a mere religious exercise, but is the well-planned program to challenge young people to live that practical Christian life based on the scriptural absolutes of God's Word, which is the only answer to the academic, moral and physical pressures of the twentieth century.

Dare this spiritual value be called a pietistic hangover? ▼

A Pastor's Report

"We Used a Grace Project To Spark Our Church"

By Rev. G. Forrest Jackson

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Dayton, Ohio



The library committee, James Price, Leroy Weese and Owen Hacker, rejoicing in the Lord's blessing as the church went well over the $2,000 goal. As of November 17, the offering for the library had climbed to $3,100.

The summer months were upon us with their usual slump in attendance and offerings, but in spite of these obstacles our church took a big step of faith.

As the Advisory Board of the Dayton First Brethren Church met during the month of July, it was decided that our church should make a special effort to assist in the library project at Grace Seminary and College. Three of our men were appointed as a local committee to establish a goal and to promote regular giving to this project. The goal was set at $2,000, to be given during the months of July, August, and September.

A colorful display was designed by Mr. O. E. Hacker, who was the chairman of the committee. It was a joy to see the money come in and the books appear on the bookshelf (one per $100). Our project moved at a slow pace during the first two months, which caused many to doubt that our goal would be reached.

By the end of August we were only at the one-third mark. The month of September had many local emphases, including an anniversary Sunday with its building fund offering.

As the time for the project neared its conclusion, the Brethren began to pray that the Lord might honor our faith and enable us to reach our goal. During the last two weeks of September He began to answer our prayers in an abundant way. When the month of October came rushing in and the project offering was tabulated, it totaled over $2,600.

We are glad that construction has begun on this much-needed library building and that we have made an investment in this development program for The Brethren Church. We at First Brethren believe in Grace Schools and are showing our faith by giving and by sending our precious young people to Grace for training. It gives us great joy to have two students in the seminary and seven students in the college, for we know that they will be taught the truths of God in a Christian environment.

Even though we have reached and surpassed our goal, we will continue to do our part to help Grace Schools maintain its ministry in the field of Christian education. ▼

Grace Lancers to Puerto Rico



Ten members of the Grace Lancer basketball team with Coach and Mrs. Chet Kammerer and Jerry Franks, trumpeter and professor of music, are spending Christmas vacation on the island of Puerto Rico playng basketball and conducting half-time services. Basketball clinics as well as services in churches on Sundays are also included in the itinerary set up by the Rev. James Dickson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Bible Church, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Among the teams to be played will be the Navy, Air Force, and a semipro team.

Music to be featured along with the messages and testimonies will include a male quartet, Rich Dick, pianist, Jerry Franks, trumpeter, and Mrs. Kammerer, accordionist.

The team is at left. Starting clockwise at bottom center: Mike Damer, Sturgis, Michigan; Bill Wade, Goshen, Indiana; Rich Dick, Winchester, Virginia; Steve Damer, Sturgis, Michigan; Larry Wattenberger, Mabton, Washington; Mike McCoy, Columbia City, Indiana; Dave Goodman, Sunnyside, Washington; Mike Grill, Trotwood, Ohio; Bob Blanchard, Wooster, Ohio; and Gary Grove, Mineral Point, Pennsylvania. In the center of the photo, Coach Glen "Chet" Kammerer.

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.
Dean of Grace Theological Seminary

In a nation where the principle of separation of church and state is so jealously guarded, it is an easy thing to suppose that one's religious life can be isolated from his so-called secular pursuits. We may set aside one day each week for the observance of spiritual duties and then imagine that the other six days are to be devoted exclusively to other interests. This philosophy is commonly imported into our attitudes toward education. In particular, public education usually attempts to exclude religious elements, under the assumption that truth in all fields except theology can be searched out apart from divine revelation.

The results of this rigid isolation have not been wholly successful. Truth in any field does not exist in a vacuum. It has ramifications that reach far beyond itself. To rule out of consideration God and His special revelation in the Bible is to possess an incomplete understanding of truth in whatever field of knowledge one may pursue.

What Did Jesus Teach?

Did Jesus distinguish between the sacred and the secular? Christians have sometimes concluded that He did because of one statement He uttered: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). It has been supposed that He meant that men have a duty to God and another to man, and that these two duties are separate and unrelated to each other.

But this was not at all what Jesus meant. He was answering a hypocritical question as to whether godly men ought to pay taxes to a pagan Roman emperor. The questioners thought Jesus would be placed in an inescapable dilemma. Either He would be forced to acknowledge servitude to Rome (and thus deny His own Messiahship), or else risk being charged with disloyalty to Rome.

Jesus caused His questioners to admit that Caesar's image was on the coinage. Caesar's coins represented his government with its benefits, and for these things the subjects were obligated to pay. Christ did not mean that man's duties to God and to government are on equal planes. What He did mean was that giving to one's religious interests is no excuse for avoiding necessary taxes. The true Biblical philosophy sees God as sovereign, and all the created universe and its legitimate institutions as under His direction and responsible to Him. So any distinction we may draw between sacred and secular is only a limited and practical one. It is not essential or basic.

John 1:1-4

The Gospel of John in its opening words states clearly that the divine Christ is inseparably involved in this natural universe of men and things. We are told that the Word (another name for Christ, Rev. 19:13) was existing with God in the beginning, was personally distinct from God (the Father), and yet was also God in His own nature (1:1-2).

This divine Word was also the Creator (along with the Father) of the universe (1:3). All created entities owe their existence to Him. Consequently, any field of knowledge which fails to trace its subject to God's creative act in Christ has failed to pursue its subject to its source. If it substitutes some other explanation in place of God's creative act, it has injected error into its search for truth.



The divine Word is also the source of life and light for men (1:4). Christ has given life to all creatures, whether it be physical life or spiritual life. Every living thing on earth received its life from Christ, the Creator. The life that one has by creation also provides a certain amount of light. "The life was the light of men." Thus every man possesses some light by virtue of the life he has, for Christ the Creator is the one who "lighteth every man" (1:9). Even unsaved men, because they possess physical life, have some light. They have the light of reason and conscience, which leaves them without excuse before God (Rom. 1:19-20; 2:15). The saved man, by receiving spiritual life from Christ, has vastly more light with which to perceive truth. Thus, to know truth ultimately demands a dependence upon the light which finds its source in God through Christ.

Colossians 1:15-17

The apostle Paul also taught clearly that matters relative to the material universe cannot be fully understood in a merely secular context. This is because Christ has a vital relationship to the most significant aspects of creation. To distinguish absolutely the sacred and the secular is an impossibility.

In Colossians 1:15 Christ is stated to be sovereign over all creation. The word "firstborn" is used here in the sense of chief, or the one holding superior rank as compared with all creation. Christ is also declared to be the agent through whom creative forces moved into operation (1:16). Further, Christ is the goal toward which creation moves, for all things were created "for him" (1:16).

He was prior to creation and thus coexistent and coeternal with the Father (1:17). Finally, Christ is the sustainer of all creation. "By him all things consist" (1:17). It is by Christ that all creation occurred and continues to be preserved.

The New Testament declares, therefore, that what we commonly describe as secular has inescapable connections with what is sacred. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10). ▼

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foltz, South Bend, Ind.	3
Mrs. Marion Forrest, Worthington, Ohio	2
Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Young, Indianapolis, Ind.	2
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keller, Winona Lake, Ind.	2
Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Jackson, Dayton, Ohio	4
Mr. and Mrs. H. Jay Lance, Creston, Ohio	1
Mrs. Gerson Laubender, East Canton, Ohio	1
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mahoney, Farmington, Pa.	3
Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDaniel, Park Forest, Ill.	1
Mrs. Marion McKay, Dayton, Ohio	1
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Moon, Lakeville, Ind.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Phillips, Elkhart, Ind.	1
Willard Secaur, Elkhart, Ind.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith, Ashland, Ohio	2
Mrs. Charles Snyder, South Bend, Ind.	3
Clarence Eichorst, South Bend, Ind.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Wallace, Dayton, Ohio	1
Mr. Don Wastler, Brookville, Ohio	1
Mrs. Ernest Beery, Sterling, Ohio	1
Mrs. Gordon W. Bracker, Elkhart, Ind.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Erb, Lake Odessa, Mich.	4
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knapp, Elkhart, Ind.	1
Mrs. Robert A. McGuire, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1
Mr. and Mrs. Clark C. Myers, Tampa, Fla.	1
Charity WMC, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio	7
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Nusbaum, Elkhart, Ind.	1
Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson, South Bend, Ind.	1

TOTAL NUMBER OF TV STAMP BOOKS NEEDED—2500

Received to date—1400 **Number still needed—1100**

IMPORTANT: Each Top Value or S & H Green Stamp book must be signed by donor along with his address. Mail to: Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Dean of Students, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Project: Library



Community Council Sets $200,000 Goal To Be Raised Over Next Five Years for Grace Development Program

The Grace College Community Council, comprised of 20 business and professional men and women of the Warsaw-Winona Lake area, recently announced plans to raise $200,000 over the next five years for the Grace development program. Promises totaling $17,000 have already been received, including both the First National Bank and the Lake City Bank of Warsaw, each with $5,000.

This is further evidence of the growing interest and confidence in Grace College on the part of the local community.

Send Your Cash Gifts, Faith Promises and Investment Funds Now

Make check payable to Grace Development Fund, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Received as of December 8, 1966

$154,507

$83,323 in cash

$71,184 in faith promises

Grace "Chosen" for Gift

Grace Theological Seminary has just received a $5,000 gift from the Annie Cannon Estate of Greensboro, North Carolina, administered by her daughter, Mrs. Marry Morris, who stated that she wanted to give assistance to a theological seminary "that was standing true to the Word of God in these apostate days." Grace Seminary was selected because when she checked with a number of close Christian friends, each had independently spoken favorably of the school.

MEET THE CHALLENGE GOAL!

Immediately upon receipt of three more $1,000 cash gifts, a $1,000 challenge gift will become available for the new library. Send your $1,000 CASH GIFT today as an investment in Christian higher education. Mark it, "CHALLENGE GIFT."

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